ANIMERICA EXTRA GRAPHIC NOVEL

SHORT PROGRAM

STORY AND ART BY

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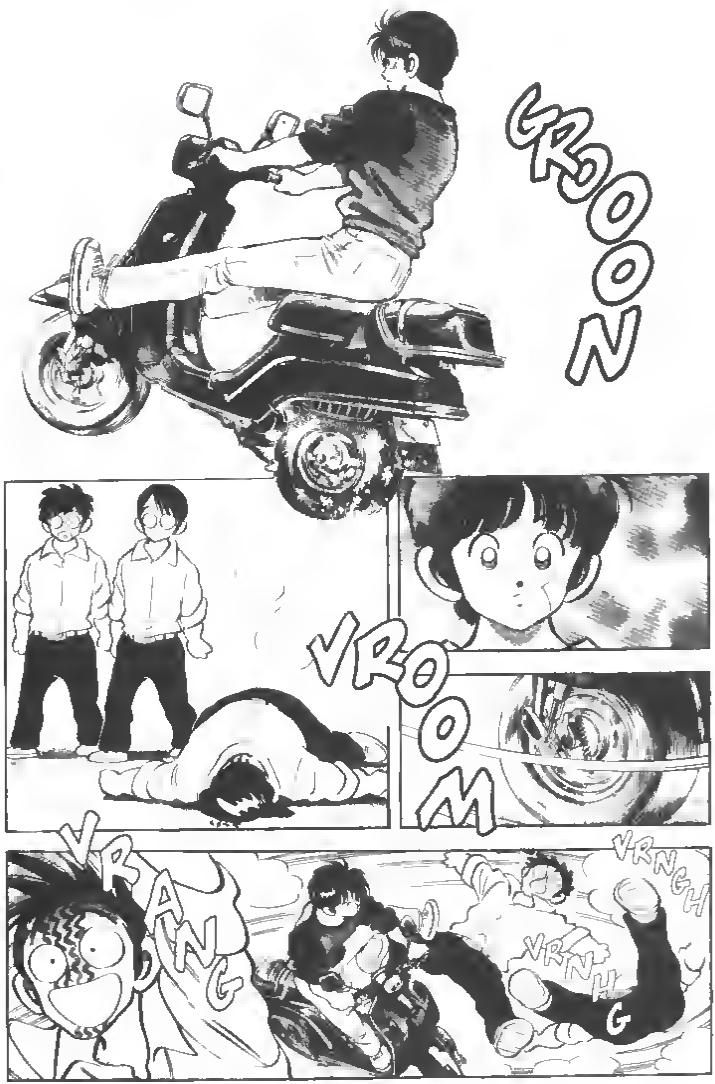
SELECT MELONS
HOKKAIDO FARMS
AARGH
SEE
YA
HOLD ON! YOU LITTLE
GASSH

PROGRAM 1:
CHANGE

KAZHIK
KRRITCH
ALL RIGHT THEN
READY WHEN YOU ARE
TH
THAT'S IT
YOU'RE DEAD MEAT!

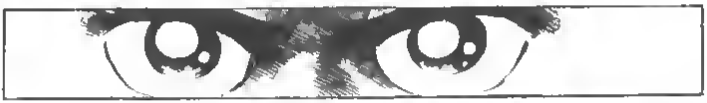
AAH!
HELLO
TMP
PO-
KAMM

OHH!
ZHIT
HA HA
HA HA HA HA!
HUH?


VROOON
VROOM
VRANG
VRNGH
VRNHG

RMM
DRMM
DRMM

WHY
HELLO!

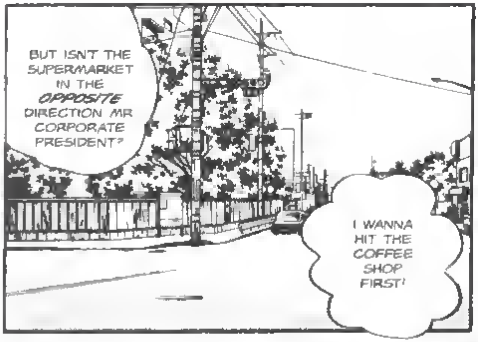


WHOAH
GR
M
M
M

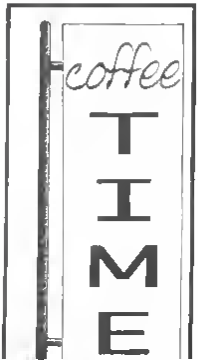
DOES THIS LOOK FAMILIAR?
SH'P
THESE JERKS HAVE NO RIGHT TO CALL THEM SELVES MEN!
PICKING ON A GIRL LIKE THAT!
creep!!!
THEY GOTTA GANG UP JUST TO FACE ONE GIRL!
I WAS GONNA GO BACK TO APOLOGIZE
RIGHT AFTER I TOOK CARE OF THEM
GRUMM
NOW TO DESTROY THE EVIDENCE—
THWOK!
chomp

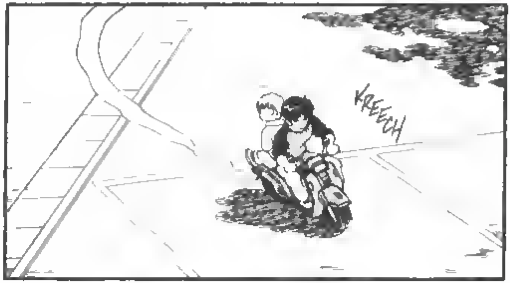
IF AN APOLOGY WAS ENOUGH WE WOULDN'T NEED A 40 PAGE COMIC!
ALL RIGHT. I'LL PAY FOR THE WHOLE BATCH!
JEEZ! HOW MUCH CAN A GRADE SCHOOL KID PAY?
GRADE SCHOOL?
HEY GET UP!
I'M FOURTEEN NEXT MONTH!
CUT THE BS YOUR VOICE HASN'T EVEN CHANGED
MELON MONEY COUGH IT UP!
THIS ISN'T ENOUGH NOT BY HALF
I TOLD YOU I'D PAY YOU BACK!
WHOA
GRRRM

OU-CH.
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO HIT ME
THE SCOOTER'S RUNNING JUST FINE!
GRMM GRMM
THAT'S WHY I ONLY HIT YOU
RATHER THAN RE-ARRANGING YOUR FACE!
WOW
YOU'RE THE MODEL SUPER MARKET STOCK BOY
YEAH, YEAH.
IN OUR TEXTBOOK FOR ANCIENT HISTORY
THEY HAD YOUR PICTURE IN THERE TOO
HEY
HOW'D YOU END UP ON MY SCOOTER ANYWAY!?
DON'T YOU LEARN THE WORDS, "INHERIT THE COMPANY" IN GRADE SCHOOL?
YOU BRAT!
DON'T WORRY! YOU'RE NOT TAKING ME OUT OF MY WAY


BUT ISN'T THE SUPERMARKET IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION MR CORPORATE PRESIDENT?
I WANNA HIT THE COFFEE SHOP FIRST!
SO LUNCH IS ON YOU!! ♡
WHAT!?

TIME
TIME
山岸医院


coffee
TIME


KREECH

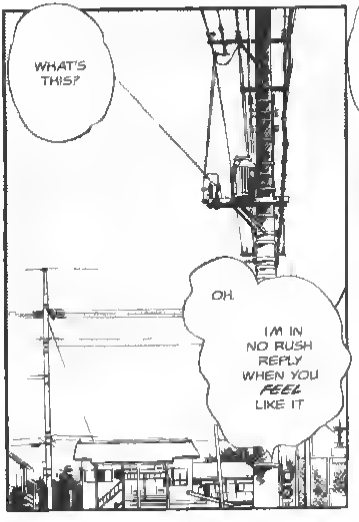
GET OFF
HEY
DON'T WORRY
I PROMISE TO PAY FOR THE MELONS
WELL THEN...
I'LL SEE YOU LATER
WHAT'CHA HOLDING BACK FOR?
I CAN AFFORD TO BUY YOU A COFFEE
coffee TIME
OH, NO THANK YOU
MY SCHOOL HAS RULES AGAINST DRINKING COFFEE BUT THANK YOU ANYWAY
REALLY
WEIRDO
CHA-CHANG

HELLO, MINATO
YO
OH! MINATO, OVER HERE OVER HERE
LET'S SEE... I NEED SOME LETTUCE CUCUMBERS AND LEMONS.
AH, C'MON
WHAT ELSE ETSUKO?
CALL THE STORE
I DIDN'T COME HERE TO TAKE ORDERS
HE'S RIGHT.

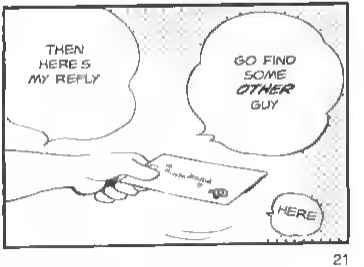
OH RIGHT RIGHT
YOU CAME AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME SO I JUST THOUGHT—
HA HA

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE THEN, SIR?
A CUP OF COFFEE

To Minato Akatsuki ♡

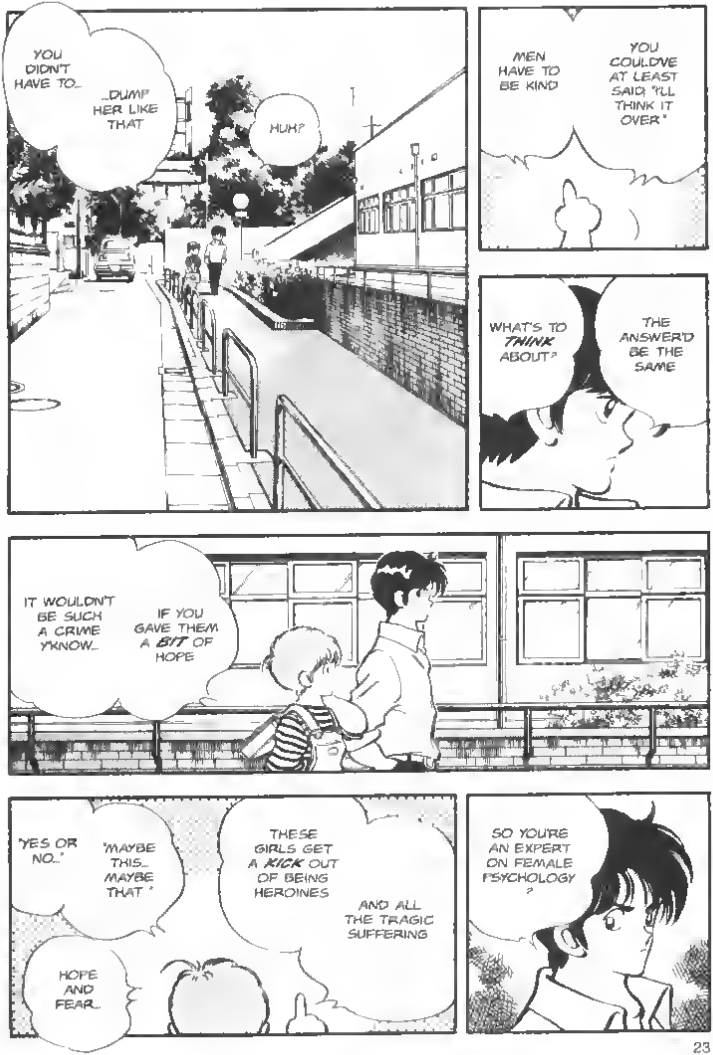

WHAT'S THIS?
OH.
I'M IN NO RUSH REPLY WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE IT

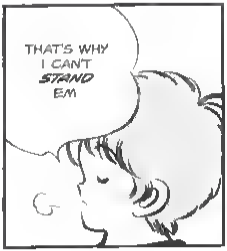
A LOVE LETTER?
HUH?
UH...
UM... YES.

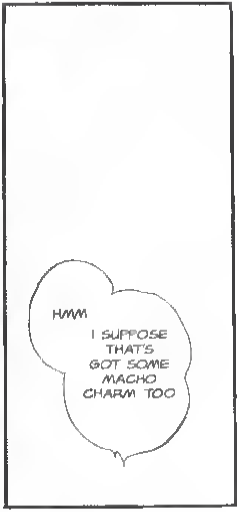

THEN HERE'S MY REPLY
GO FIND SOME OTHER GUY
HERE

WHAAAH!
JEEZ!
THAT'S WHY I CAN'T STAND GIRLS.
SNIFFLE SNIFFLE WHINE WHINE
THEY THINK THEY'RE CUTE *EVEN* WHEN THEY'RE BAWLING
SIGH
GIMME A *BREAK*

MR. CORPORATE PRESIDENT MINATO *SIR.*
ALLOW ME TO CARRY YOUR BAG
HOW'D YOU LEARN MY NAME?
FROM YOUR FIRST LADY MR. PRESIDENT

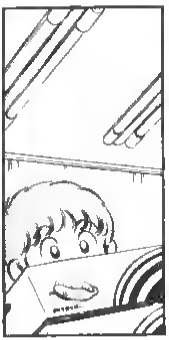

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO...
...DUMP HER LIKE THAT
HUH?
MEN HAVE TO BE KIND
YOU COULDVE AT LEAST SAID "I'LL THINK IT OVER"
WHAT'S TO THINK ABOUT?
THE ANSWER'D BE THE SAME
IT WOULDN'T BE SUCH A CRIME YKNOW...
IF YOU GAVE THEM A BIT OF HOPE
"YES OR NO..."
"MAYBE THIS... MAYBE THAT"
HOPE AND FEAR...
THESE GIRLS GET A KICK OUT OF BEING HEROINES
AND ALL THE TRAGIC SUFFERING
SO YOU'RE AN EXPERT ON FEMALE PSYCHOLOGY?





GROCERIES & SUNDRIES

AKATSUKI GROCERY



MOM.
WHAT'S THE KID DOING THERE?
YOU HIRED THE LITTLE BRAT?
NOPE
OFFERED TO WORK FOR FREE
OH.
YOU MEAN KE!?
A TWO HOUR SHIFT BEFORE CLOSING TIME
ALL I GOTTA DO IS LOOK THE OTHER WAY
THAT KID WOULD JUST GET UNDER FOOT!
I DON'T THINK SO
GETTIN MORE DONE THAN WHEN YOU'RE AROUND
WELCOME
BESIDES
WHAT?

KEI IS THE CUTEST THING I EVER SAW ♡
WHAT'S GOIN ON IN YOUR HEAD?
WEIRD OLD LADY!
SALE 5 for ¥300
SALE 3 for ¥200
YO!
BL AA UGH
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?
coffee TIME

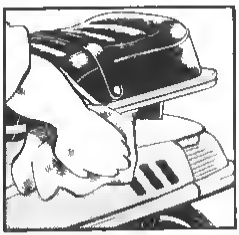
THERE'S A DEAD FLY IN MY COFFEE!
IS THIS YOUR SPECIAL SAUCE!?
HUH?
DAMN RIGHT
IF THIS PUTS ME IN THE HOSPITAL YOU'RE GETTIN THE BILL
THIS PLACE IS A JOKE!!
YOU THINK WE'RE GONNA PAY FOR THIS?
HUH!?
OH.
IT'S ON THE HOUSE
HOLD IT YOU JERKS!
HUH?
NO, NOTHING!
PLEASE ACCEPT OUR APOLOGIES
HMF
CHA-CHANG
WHY'D YOU STOP ME!?
THAT'S THE OLDEST TRICK IN THE BOOK!
THE CUP'S COMPLETELY EMPTY YOU THINK IT TOOK THEM THAT LONG TO FIND A FLY!?

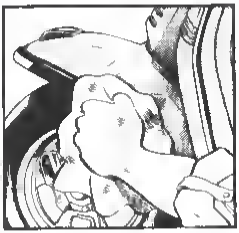
HE PUT IT IN THERE HIMSELF!
SO—
—YOU SAW HIM DO IT?
WHAT DOES IT MATTER? IT'S SO OBVIOUS!
YOU NEVER KNOW
A FLY GETS IN HERE OCCASIONALLY
OH, C'MON!
DON'T ROCK THE BOAT!
IT'S BEEN 3 YEARS SINCE I LEFT MY OFFICE JOB TO START THIS PLACE AND ONLY NOW IS BUSINESS STARTING TO PICK UP!
IT'S FOR YOU IT'S THE LANDLORD
OH. THANKS.
Y YES !
I'LL PAY THE RENT TOMORROW I PROMISE!
NO WONDER HE'S NOT MARRIED
HE'S REALLY NICE THOUGH.

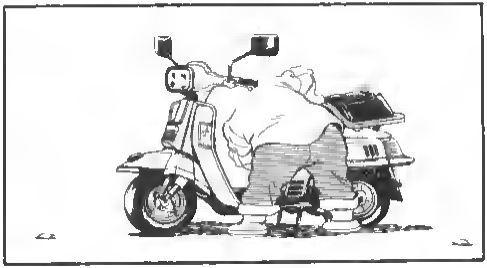
URGH-
Nakajima home-baked goods
SUNDRIES &
JAFT
OUCH
YOU IDIOT!
YOUR BACK ALL RIGHT?
I'M FINE JUST FINE
SEE?
DON'T OVERDO IT
YOUR ARMS DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MEAT FOR THIS KIND OF WORK
POK

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS.
CLEAN UP THE EMPTY BOTTLES IN THE BACK
WHAT?
HEH HEH
YOU SURE YOUR BACKS ALL RIGHT?
YEP
IT'S GONNA TAKE A WHILE BEFORE I CAN PAY YOU BACK FOR THE MELONS.
SEE YA!

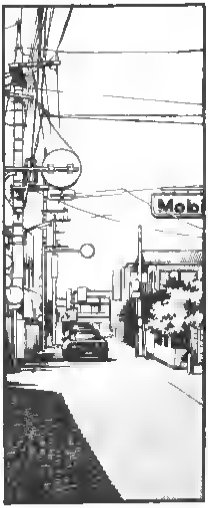
TOMORROW'S YOUR DAY OFF RIGHT, ETSUKO?
LET'S GO SEE A MOVIE
HEY!
ARE YOU TRYING TO PICK UP AN OLDER WOMAN?
YOU'RE ONLY A YEAR AND TEN MONTHS OLDER
TOMORROW'S NO GOOD I'M BUSY
DOING WHAT?
LOOK!
SEE THE RAINBOW, MINATO?

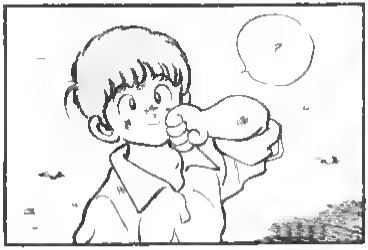






HEY KE!
COME UP HERE A SEC
7
GROCERIES-


Mobi



YOU'RE LATE
SKEECH
PHEW
KA-CHUNK
CHIRRUP
I'M BEAT
WELL?
BE A MAN AND FORGET ABOUT IT
YGOT NO FUTURE
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
JUST WHAT I SAID

JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU SAW!
SHEESH!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN TO GIVE UP!
THE WAITRESS HAS SOMETHING GOING..
..WITH THE OWNER
THAT'S A GOOD ONE
SERIOUSLY WHAT'D YOU SEE?
C'MON YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT!
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN HOW THAT GUY ACTS!?
YOU'RE GETTING ON MY NERVES, HERE
I'M NOT KIDDING
I EVEN SAW THEM KISSING IN THE PARK
WHAT'S THAT FACE FOR?
YOU ARE REALLY SLOW
EVER NOTICE THE ENGAGE-MENT RING SHE WEARS?
IT'S FROM HIM

ENOUGH'S ENOUGH!
WHO'D BELIEVE A BS STORY LIKE THAT?
YOU CAN WAIT AND FIND OUT IN ANOTHER THREE MONTHS..
..WHEN THEY GET MARRIED
SO
YOU KNOW ALL THIS BY FOLLOWING HER FOR ONE DAY?
I'M IMPRESSED!
YOU TWERP!
YOU DIDN'T FOLLOW HER!
YOU'RE JUST PUTTING ME ON!
OW!
LOOK AT YOU!
HIRING ME TO FOLLOW HER.
START ACTING LIKE A MAN!
YOU'RE SO FULL OF YOURSELF
GO ON— STAY DELUDED..
..LIKE THOSE GIRLS YOU ALWAYS DUMP!
THAT DID IT!

GONGG
EGSHH
LA CUMPA

coffee
TIME
GIMME A CUDDLE AND I'LL FORGET ABOUT THE FLY!
HEY BABE! SIT DOWN AND POUR ME ANOTHER!
coffee TIME
coffee TIME
AAAHH
YO!
HEH HEH
UM..
EXCUSE ME SIR

CHA-CHANG
YOU BASTARDS
WHERE'D THE PUNK COME FROM!
LEGGO OF ME!
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE HIM OUTSIDE FOR A STROLL?
HEH HEH
LEMME GO!
THWAK

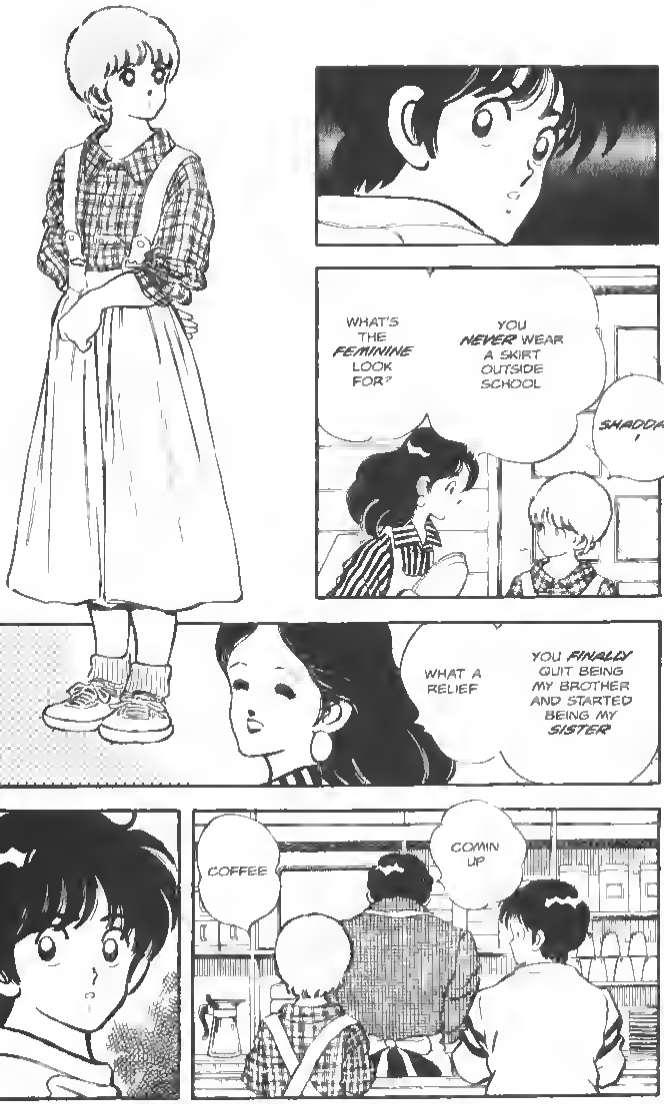
ARE YOU CRAZY?
THAT THING COULDA GONE THROUGH MY HEAD!
DON'T WORRY
I HAVE A SPARE ICE PICK, JUST IN CASE
YOU CHICKEN PIECE OF CRAP
HIDING BEHIND YOUR PICK
YOU THINK YOU CAN TAKE ME WITH YOUR BARE HANDS!?
WELL LET'S SEE
VONK
AACHOW

PUNK
WERE THERE ANY FLIES IN YOUR BEER?
UH N NO.
I THINK I COULD MANAGE
THANKS FOR COMING
CHA-CHANG
BRRING
IT'S THE LAND LORD
UH OH.

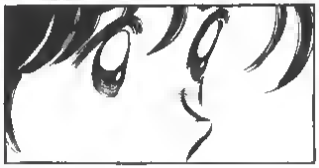
SORRY
SORRY
...

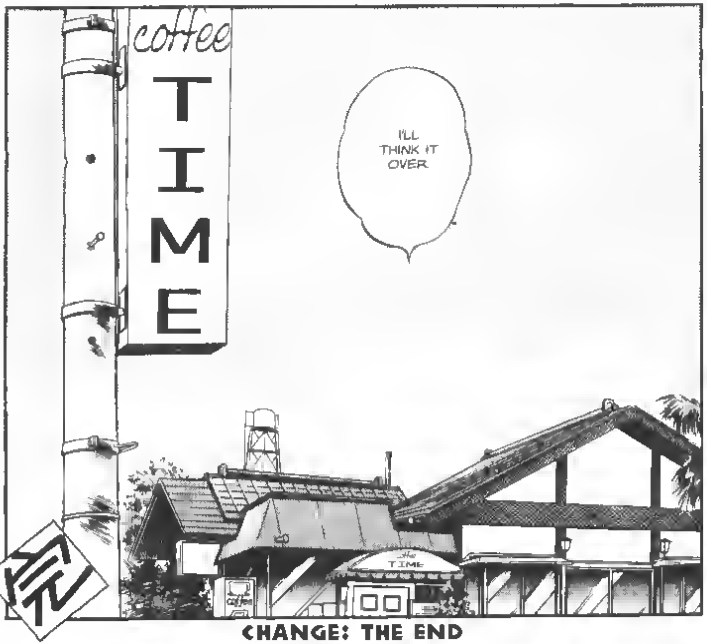
I WONDER...
WHAT HAPPENED TO KEI
GROCERIES & SUNDRIES
AKATSUKI GROCERY
HE PROBABLY WIMPED OUT
WITHOUT GIVING NOTICE?
KEI'S NOT LIKE THAT

HUH?
CHUCH
SCUSE ME
I'LL HAVE A REFILL
CHINK
COMIN UP
CHI-CHANG
OH, IT'S YOU KEI


WHAT'S THE FEMININE LOOK FOR?
YOU NEVER WEAR A SKIRT OUTSIDE SCHOOL
SHADDAP!
WHAT A RELIEF
YOU FINALLY QUIT BEING MY BROTHER AND STARTED BEING MY SISTER
?
COFFEE
COMIN UP

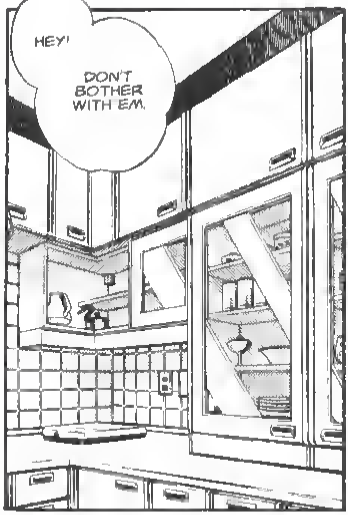
THAT'S A PICTURE OF ETSUKO FROM FIVE YEARS AGO
I CAN'T PROMISE I'LL LOOK LIKE THAT IN FIVE YEARS.
BUT THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE I WILL

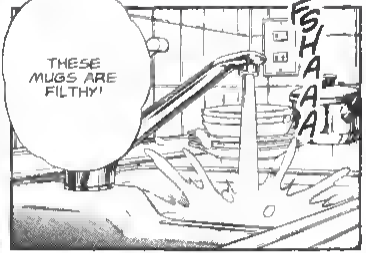


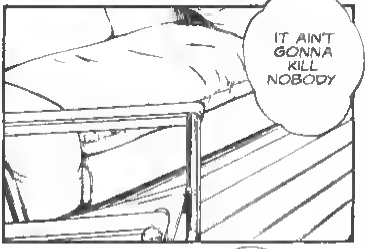


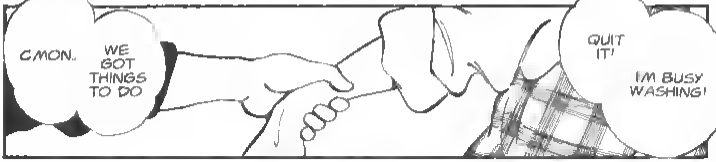
CHANGE: THE END

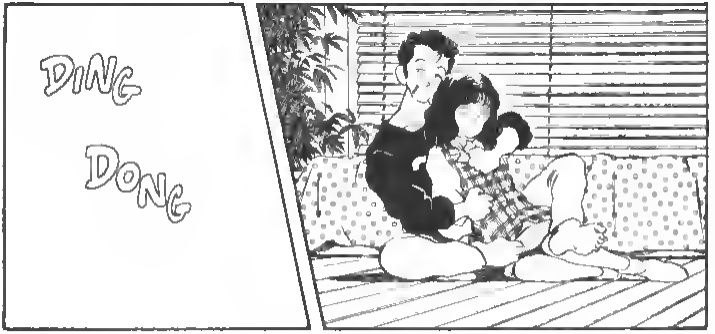
PROGRAM 2:
TAKE OFF


HEY!
DON'T BOTHER WITH 'EM.


THESE MUGS ARE FILTHY!
FSHA SA

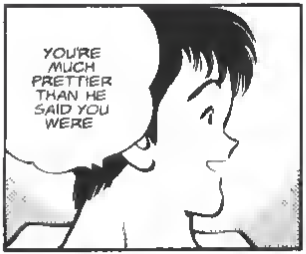

IT AIN'T GONNA KILL NOBODY


C'MON. WE GOT THINGS TO DO
QUIT IT! I'M BUSY WASHING!


DING
DONG

YEAH?
KA-CHAK
YO..
HI, NISHIZAKI
IT'S ME
WHO ELSE COULD IT BE?
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE LIKE YOU
YOU MIND IF I WATCH YOUR TV?
SURE
3P

HE'S A BUDDY FROM COLLEGE, NAGASHIMA
HE'S HUGE, BUT DON'T WORRY...
YOU'LL GET USED TO IT
OH YEAH.
...SHE'S SAORI
REMEMBER?
I TOLD YOU ALL ABOUT HER
OH YEAH.
THE COLLEGE GIRL YOU MET AT THE CONVENIENCE STORE
...WHO STAYED UP ALL NIGHT TAKING CARE OF YOU WHEN YOU WERE SICK.


YOU'RE MUCH PRETTIER THAN HE SAID YOU WERE

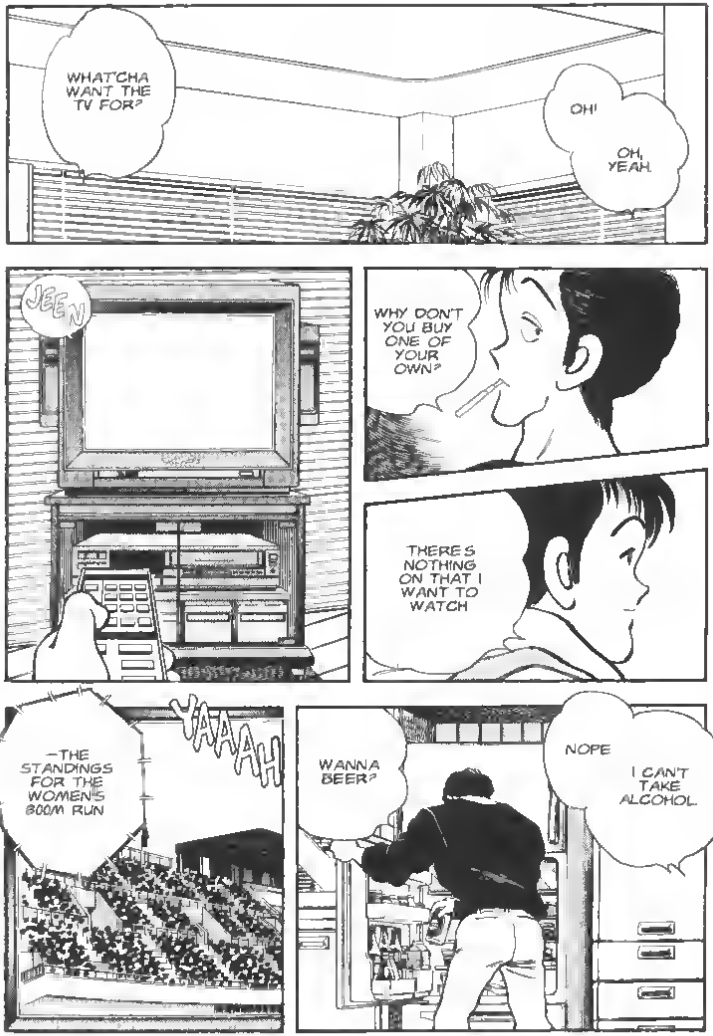
HA HA..

SLAM

...
SKRCH SKRCH

SOME OTHER GIRL?
DIDN'T NOBODY TEACH YOU WHAT A WINK MEANS?

SORRY
I KNOW YOU DIDN'T MEAN NO HARM FORGET IT

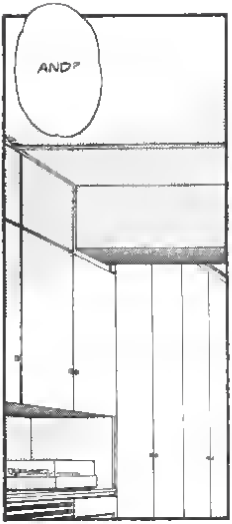

WHAT'CHA WANT THE TV FOR?
OH!
OH, YEAH.
JEEN
WHY DON'T YOU BUY ONE OF YOUR OWN?
THERE'S NOTHING ON THAT I WANT TO WATCH
YAAAAH
—THE STANDINGS FOR THE WOMEN'S 800M RUN
WANNA BEER?
NOPE
I CAN'T TAKE ALCOHOL

YOU CAN'T?
BUT IT DOESN'T TASTE GOOD TO ME
WELL I CAN DRINK IT
YOU'RE MISSIN THE POINT
AT OUR AGE THERE ARE TIMES WHEN YOU HAVE TO DRINK. KNOW WHAT I MEAN?
3P
I DON'T GET SAD ENOUGH TO DROWN MY SORROWS
CAN'T SAY THAT I DO
OR HAPPY ENOUGH THAT I HAVE TO CELEBRATE
YOU'RE A DEPRESSING GUY
PSSHAT
HUH
WHY'S THAT?
NO REASON
GULP

YAAAH!
TAKE IT ALL THE WAY!!!
I NEVER KNEW YOU HAD A THING FOR TRACK AND FIELD
IT ISN'T TRACK AND FIELD
YAAH!
..IT'S THAT GIRL
THE THIRD FINALIST FOR THE WOMEN'S HIGH JUMP..
..IS SATORI NAKATA, A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR FROM ASA KURAKITA HIGH SCHOOL
12

ARENT YOU GETTING A LITTLE OLD FOR IDOL WORSHIP?
THE SPORTS MAGAZINES CANT SEEM TO WRITE ABOUT ANYBODY ELSE
EVEN I KNOW HER!
3P
WERE FROM THE SAME NEIGHBOR HOOD
HUH
SO YOU GUYS KNOW EACH OTHER?
YAAAH
NAKATA IS THE REIGNING CHAMPION
SHE CLEARED 1 METER 83 CENTI-METERS ON HER FIRST ATTEMPT
YAAAH
SHES A BABE

HER MOTHER ONCE TOLD ME ALL ABOUT HER
SHE'S GOT THIS WEIRD WAY OF LOOKING AT THINGS
SHE ALWAYS MADE UP HER OWN CONDITIONS ON HOW TO LIVE HER LIFE
FOR EXAMPLE...
SHE'D NEVER CROSS A STREET WHEN A HEARSE IS IN SIGHT
SHE WOULD NEVER EAT RICE PASTE UNTIL AFTER THE FIRST SNOW OF THE YEAR
SHE WOULDN'T LEAVE THE LIVING ROOM UNTIL HER CAT YAWNED
NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE TOLD HER
SHE'D STUBBORNLY STICK TO HER GUNS UNTIL HER CONDITIONS WERE MET
I DON'T THINK THAT'S WEIRD
I'D SAY THAT WAS PATHO LOGICAL
BUT THAT'S HOW SHE GOT HERSELF THIS FAR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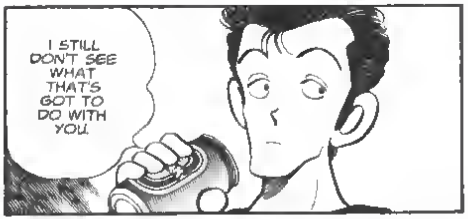
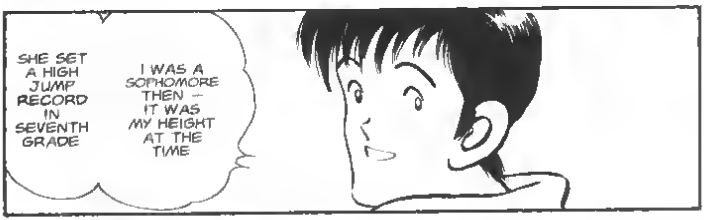
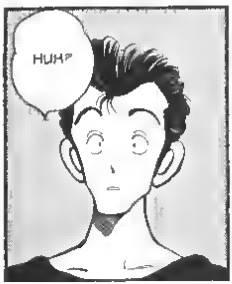

I STILL DON'T SEE WHAT THAT'S GOT TO DO WITH YOU.

HEIGHT
HEIGHT?


SHE SET A HIGH JUMP RECORD IN SEVENTH GRADE
I WAS A SOPHOMORE THEN — IT WAS MY HEIGHT AT THE TIME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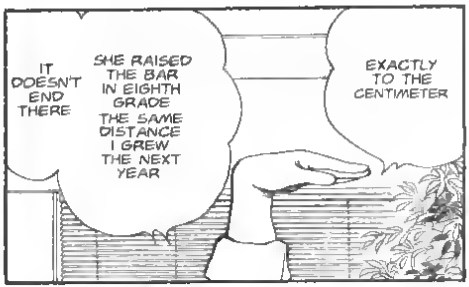
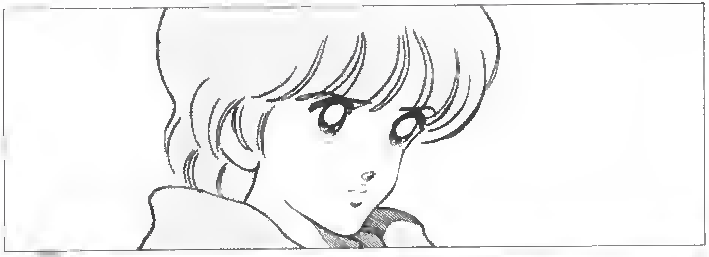
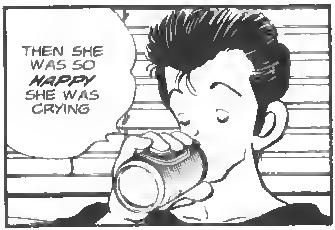

IT DOESN'T END THERE
SHE RAISED THE BAR IN EIGHTH GRADE THE SAME DISTANCE I GREW THE NEXT YEAR
EXACTLY TO THE CENTIMETER

I WAS KIND OF FLATTERED BY IT
AROUND THEN WE STARTED TO SAY HI TO EACH OTHER ON THE STREET
'SAY HI'..
'..ON THE STREET'?
JUST HI
NOTHIN' MORE
AND THE NEXT YEAR..
..SHE JUMPED YOUR HEIGHT AGAIN?
YAAAAH!
I SAW HER ON THE STREET ON HER WAY BACK..
FROM THE PRE FECTURAL FINALS
I SAID HI, BUT..

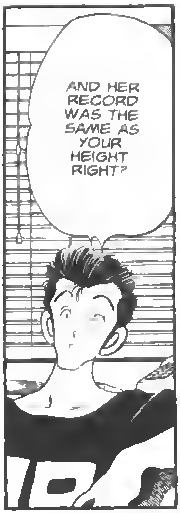


..SO I FIGURED SHE'D LOST..

BUT LATER I HEARD THAT SHE NOT ONLY WON THE FINALS, BUT SHE SET A RECORD

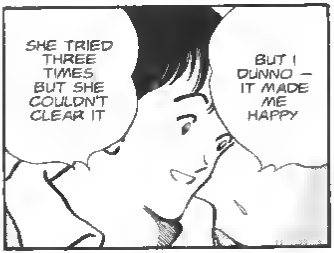

THEN SHE WAS SO HAPPY SHE WAS CRYING

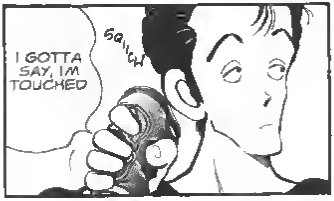
NO
THERE WASN'T ANY HAPPINESS IN HER FACE

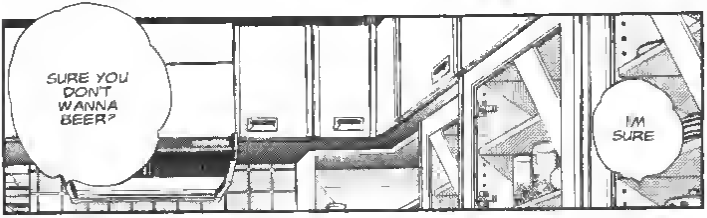

AND HER RECORD WAS THE SAME AS YOUR HEIGHT RIGHT?

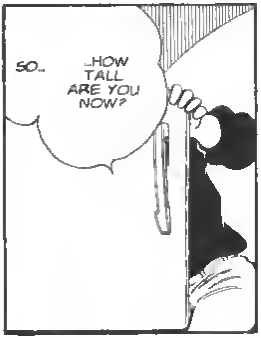
ACTUALLY ..NO
I HAD A REAL GROWTH SPURT THAT YEAR
WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT?
WELL I WENT TO COLLEGE GRADUATED, MOVED HERE
..I HAVEN'T SEEN HER SINCE
GIMME A BREAK
SHE MATCHED YOUR HEIGHT TWICE JUST A COINCIDENCE
I THINK SO, TOO
BUT..
WHEN SHE WON THE NATIONAL FINALS LAST YEAR
THE BAR WAS SET AT 1 METER 92 CENTI METERS!
I KEPT ON GROWING, EVEN SINCE I MOVED HERE
NO WAY WOULD IT HAPPEN A THIRD TIME

EXACTLY MY HEIGHT LAST YEAR!
CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
3P

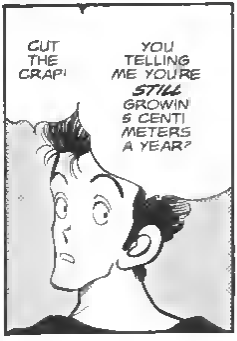

SHE TRIED THREE TIMES BUT SHE COULDN'T CLEAR IT
BUT I DUNNO — IT MADE ME HAPPY


I GOTTA SAY, I'M TOUCHED
SNIFF


SURE YOU DON'T WANNA BEER?
I'M SURE


SO...
...HOW TALL ARE YOU NOW?

1 METER 97


CUT THE CRAP!
YOU TELLING ME YOU'RE STILL GROWIN 5 CENTI METERS A YEAR?

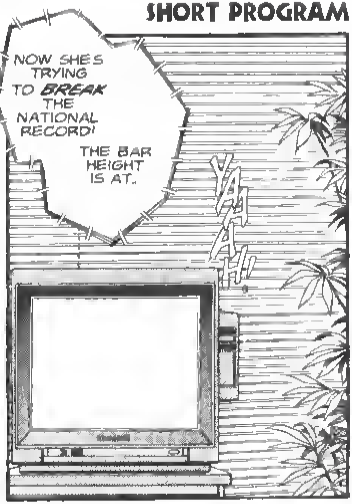
THE NATIONAL RECORD FOR WOMEN'S HIGH JUMP IS 1 METER 95
YAAAH!
YOU HEAR THAT? NATIONAL RECORD'S AT 1 METER 95
SPRING
YOU JUST SIT AROUND AND GET TALLER
BUT FOR THESE ATHLETES EVERY CENTIMETER IS LIFE AND DEATH
DUNNO WHAT YOU'RE EXPECTING, BUT...
...YOU CAN FORGET IT
IT'D BE NOTHIN' SHORT OF A MIRACLE FOR HER TO MATCH YOUR HEIGHT
I KNOW

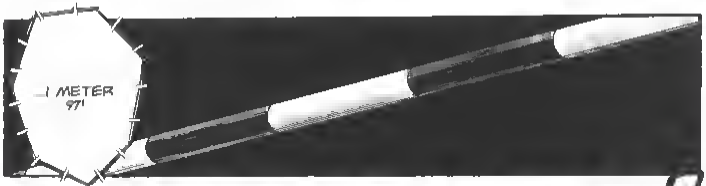
YAAH!
MY OH MY..
...SHE IS A BABE
YAAAAH!
225
YAAAH!
YEAH, SHE'S GOT TO HAVE LOTS OF BOY FRIENDS
ONCE SHE'S AT THIS LEVEL...
SHE COULD BE A DOG AN STILL BE GETTIN ATTENTION
YAAAAH!
BUT WITH A FACE AS GORGEOUS AS THAT -- SHE'S A STAR

YAAAH!!
SATOMI NAKATA AFTER SUFFERING INJURIES DURING THE INTER-HIGH COMPET ITIONS HAS MADE A COME-BACK...
WINNING THE NATIONAL FINALS, TWICE IN A ROW!
SHE DID IT!
YAAAAH!

TOO BAD
IF ONLY YOU STOPPED GROWING LAST YEAR

IT'S NOT LIKE I ASKED TO GET TALLER


NOW SHE'S TRYING TO BREAK THE NATIONAL RECORD!
THE BAR HEIGHT IS AT..
YAAAH!

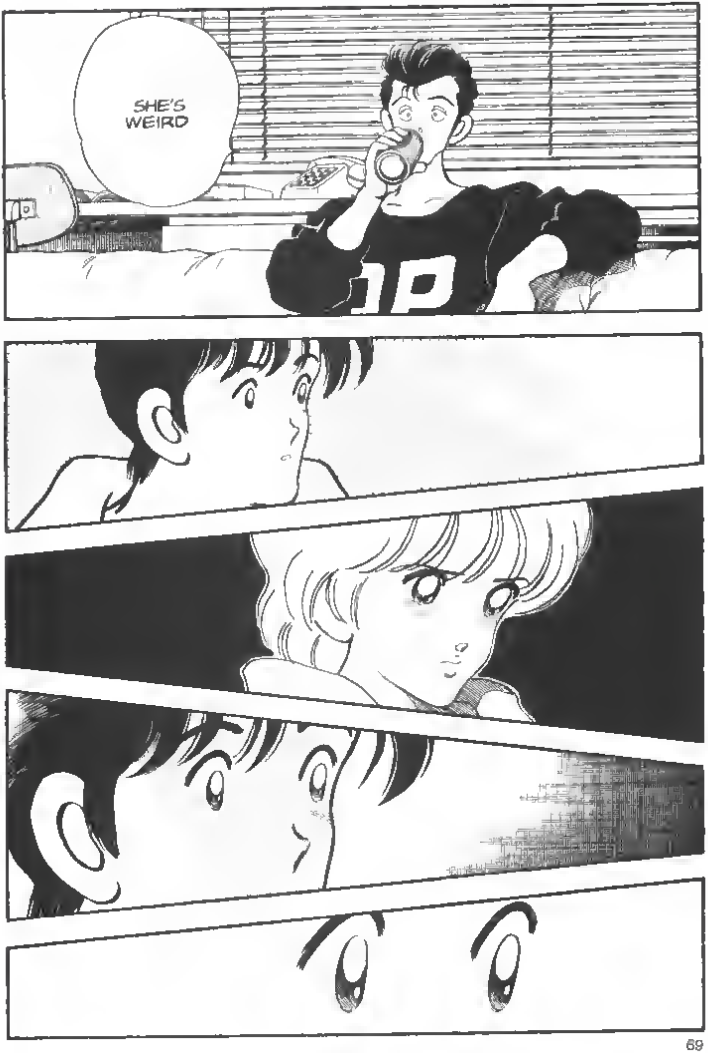

...1 METER 97!

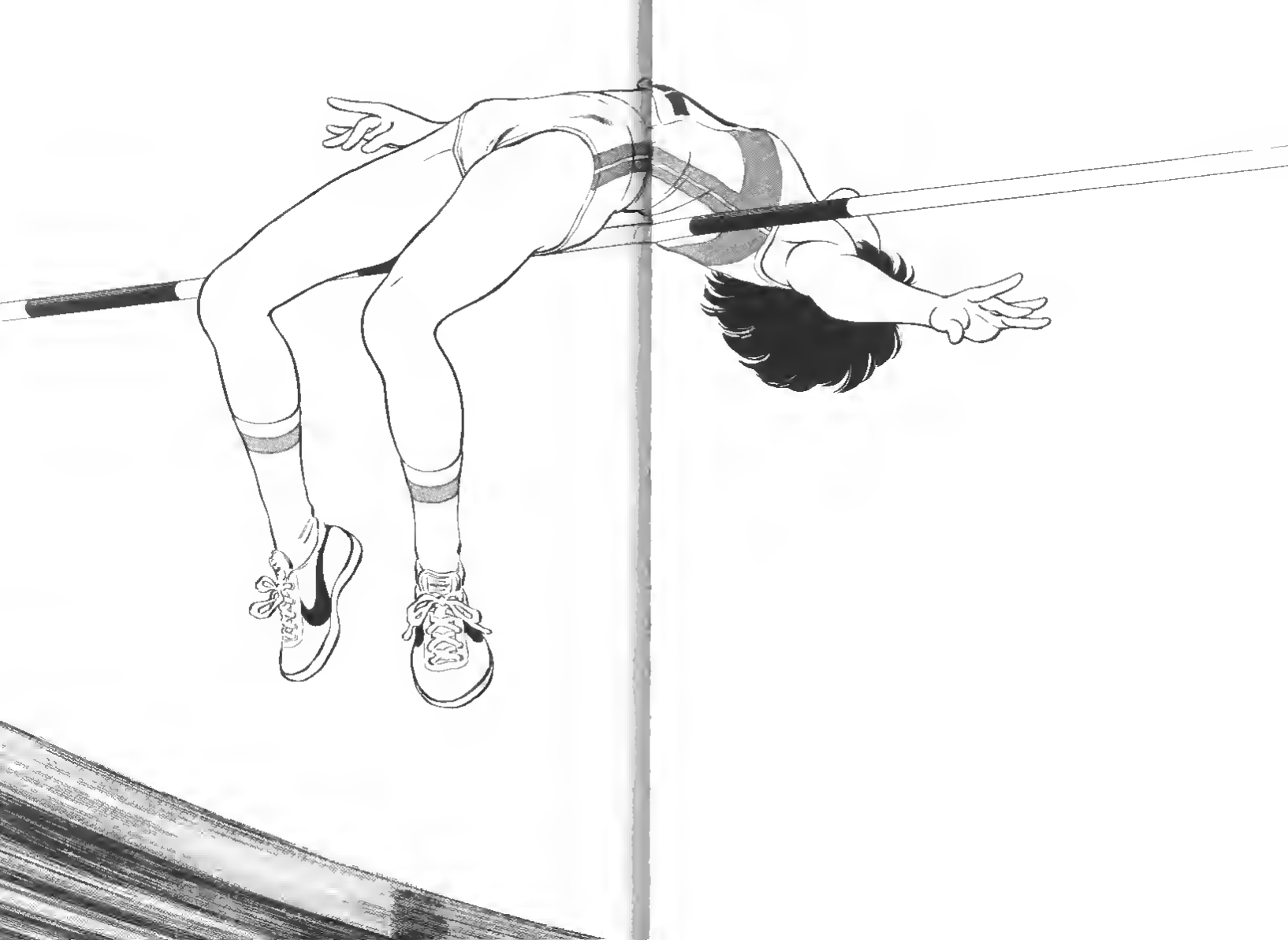
YAAAH!

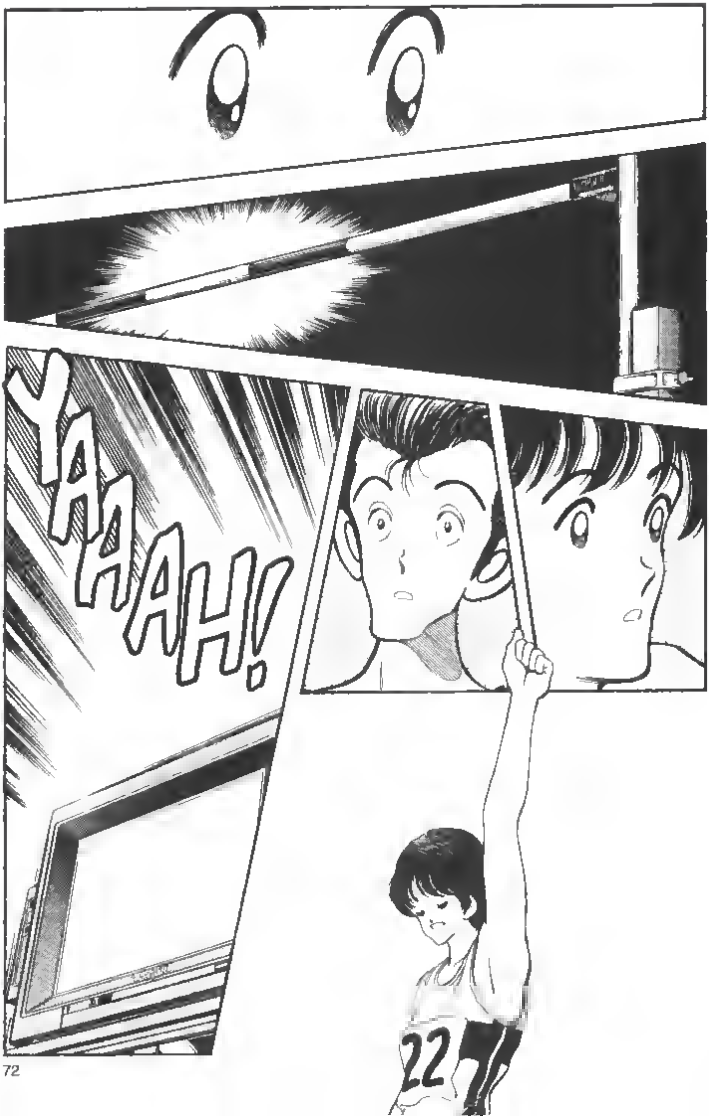
YAAAAH!
ISN'T THAT A COIN CIDENCE?
3P
YOU ASS.
THIS AIN'T NO CO INCIDENCE

SHE'S TRYIN TO JUMP YOUR HEIGHT
YAAH!
IF SHE WAS JUST GOIN FOR THE RECORD, SHE'D HAVE IT SET AT 1 METER 96
SO WHAT'S THAT EXTRA CENTI METER ABOUT?
YAAAAH!
SHE'S CLEARING YOUR HEIGHT

IT'S JUST A CO-INCIDENCE
I HAVEN'T SEEN HER IN YEARS HOW'D SHE KNOW MY HEIGHT—
1 METER 97
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT MOM?
YOU WOULDN'T CALL ME LONG DISTANCE MOM, JUST TO ASK MY HEIGHT!
COME TO THINK OF IT
SHE CALLED LAST YEAR, TOO.
BUT THEN
WHY?
YOU SAID SO YOUR SELF


SHE'S WEIRD




YAAAAH!
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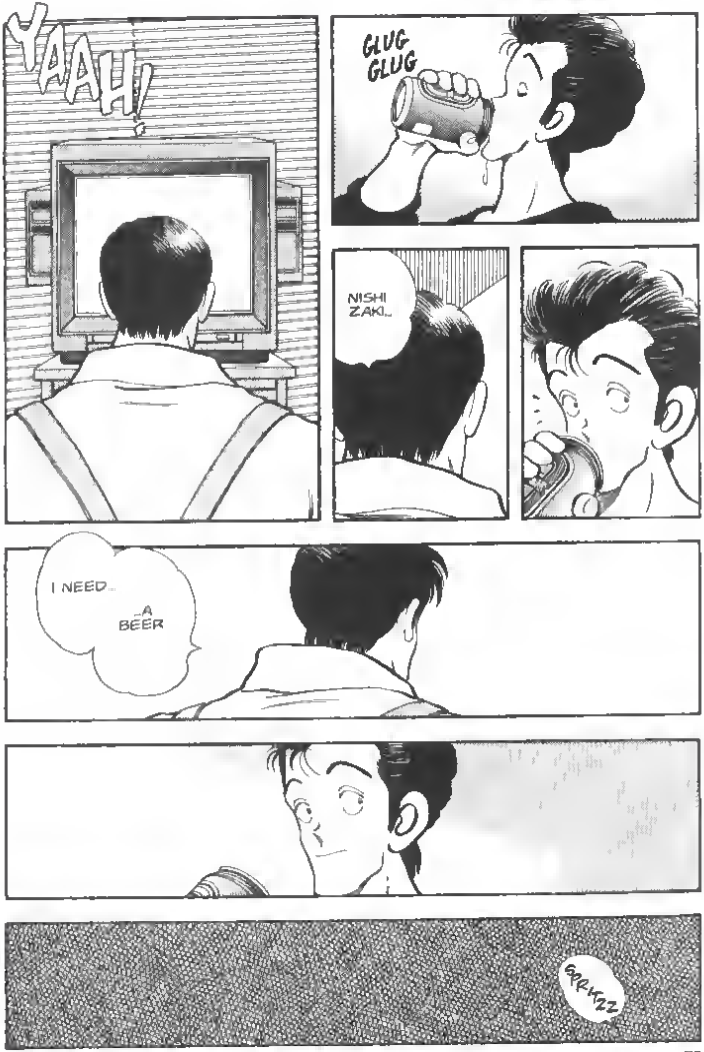
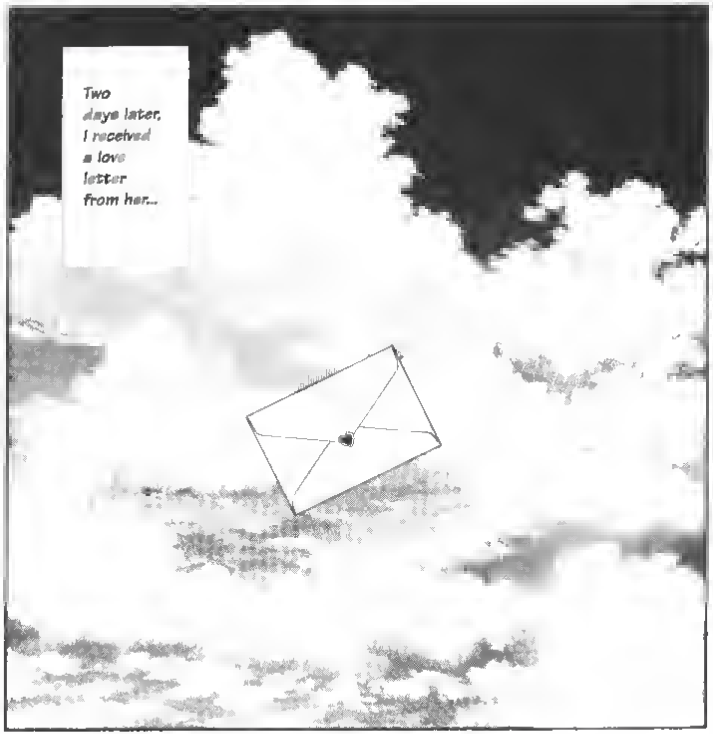
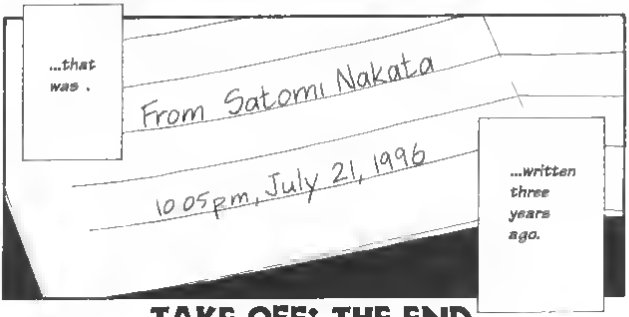
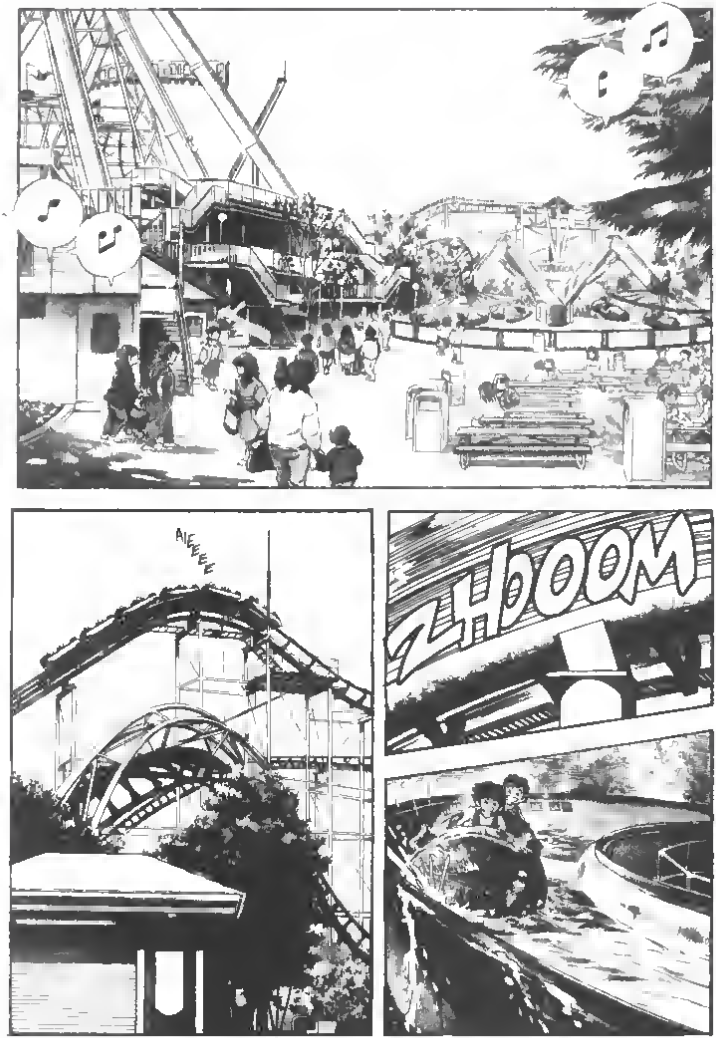

YAAH!
GLUG GLUG
NISHI ZAKI...
I NEED... A BEER
GARGLE

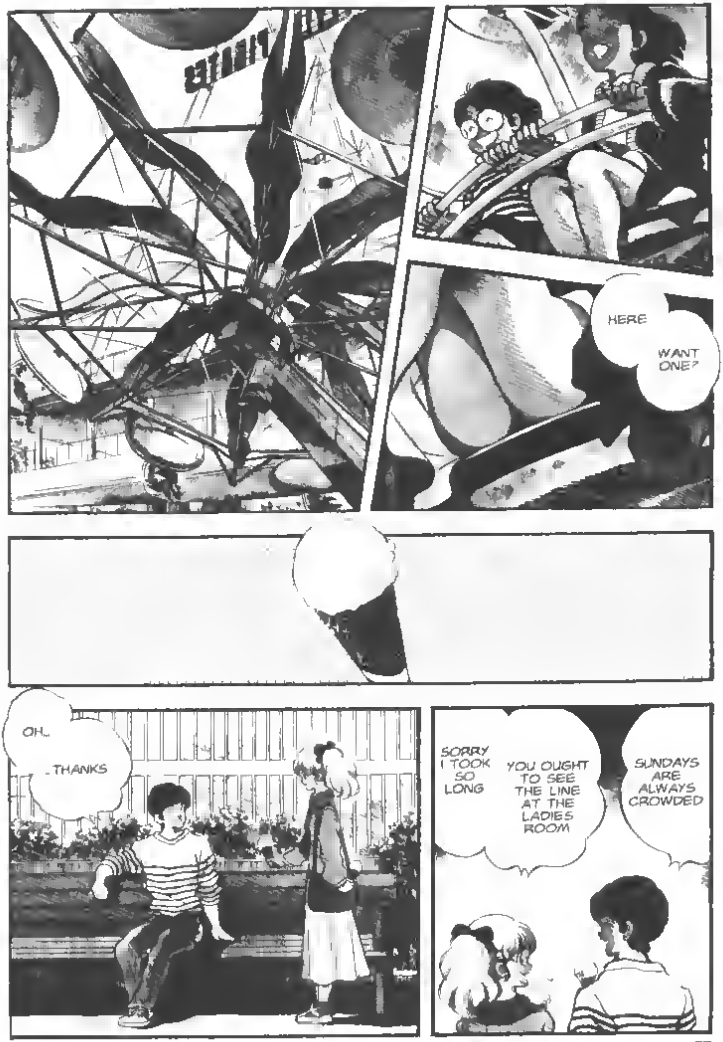


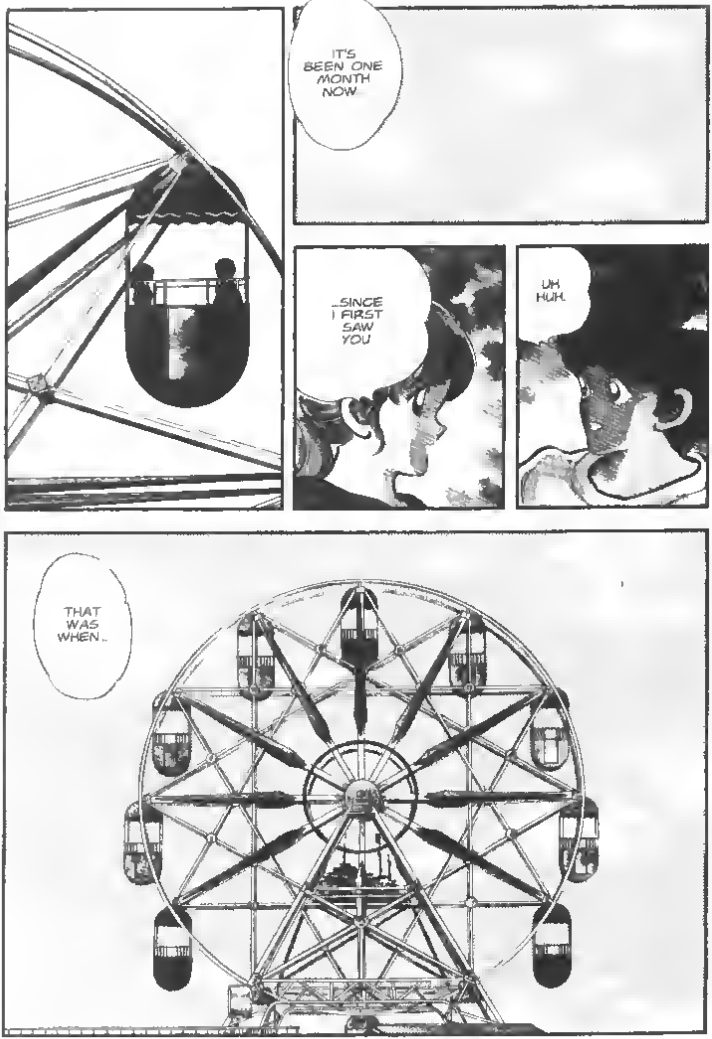


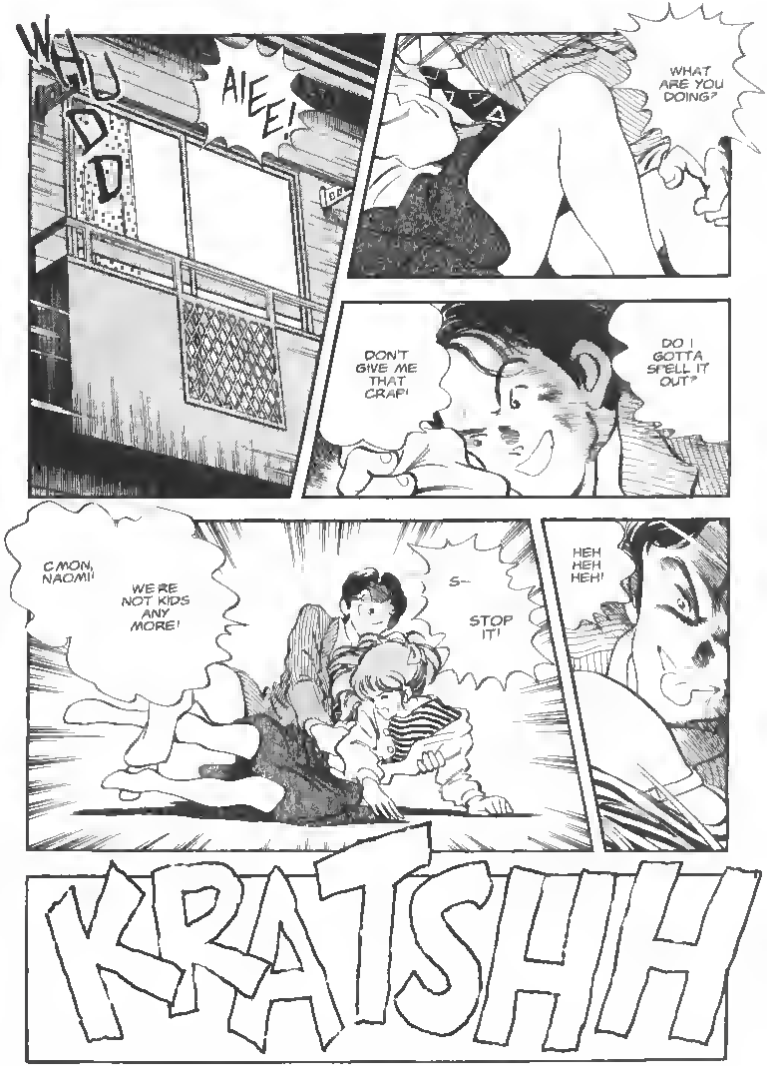
TAKE OFF: THE END

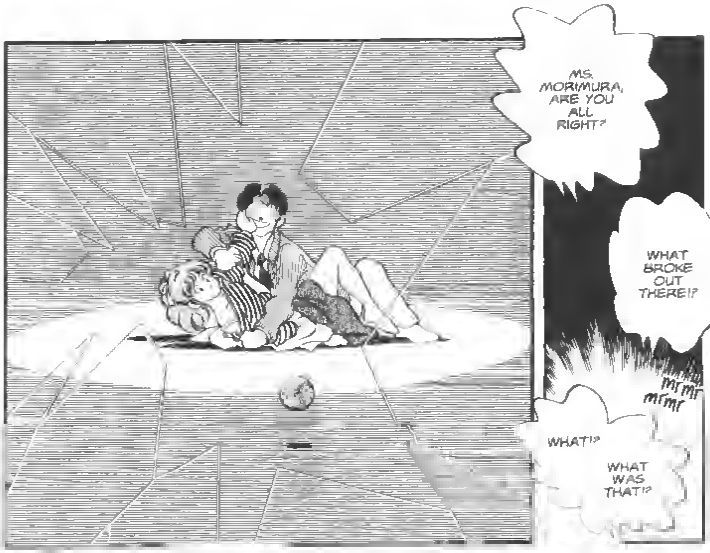
PROGRAM 3:
SHORT PROGRAM

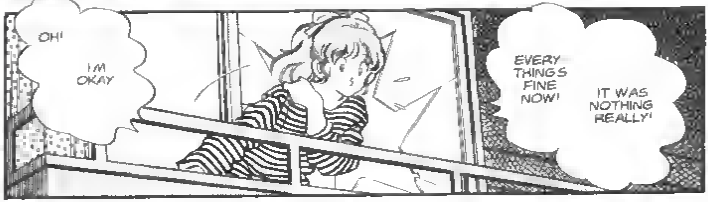

AIEEEE
ZHDOOM


HERE
WANT ONE?
OH.
THANKS
SORRY I TOOK SO LONG
YOU OUGHT TO SEE THE LINE AT THE LADIES ROOM
SUNDAYS ARE ALWAYS CROWDED

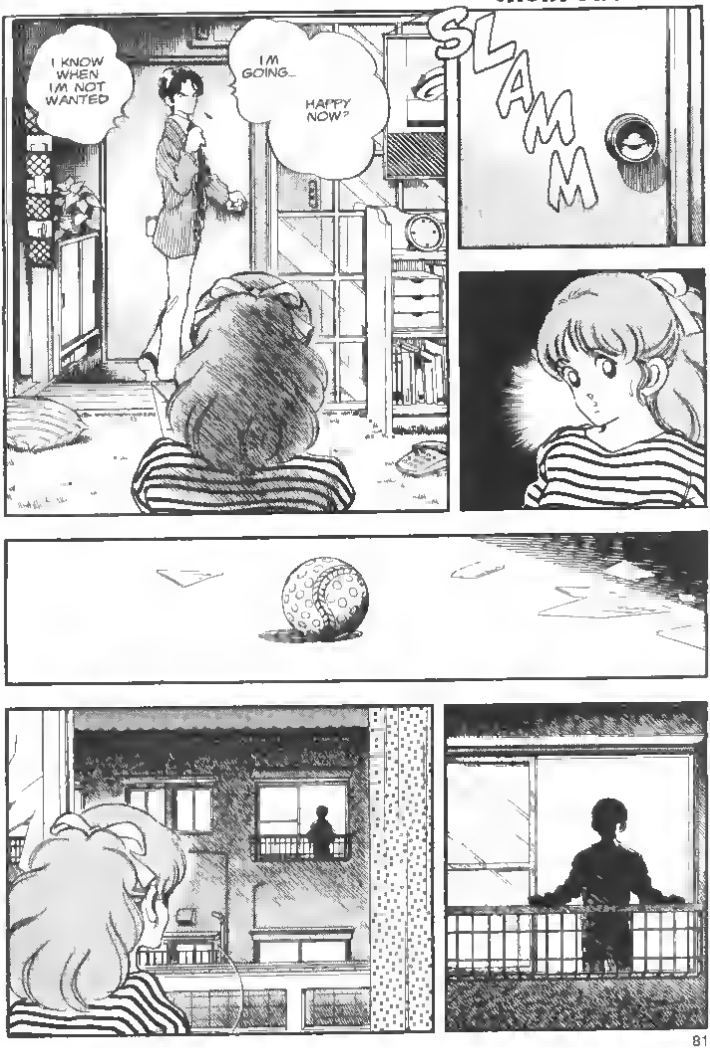

IT'S BEEN ONE MONTH NOW...
...SINCE I FIRST SAW YOU
UH HUH.
THAT WAS WHEN...


WHU
DD
AIEE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
DON'T GIVE ME THAT CRAP!
DO I GOTTA SPELL IT OUT?
C'MON, NAOMI!
WE'RE NOT KIDS ANY MORE!
S—
STOP IT!
HEH HEH HEH!
KRATSHH


MS. MORIMURA, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WHAT BROKE OUT THERE!?
mr mr mr mr
WHAT!?
WHAT WAS THAT!?


OH!
I'M OKAY
EVERY THING'S FINE NOW!
IT WAS NOTHING REALLY!

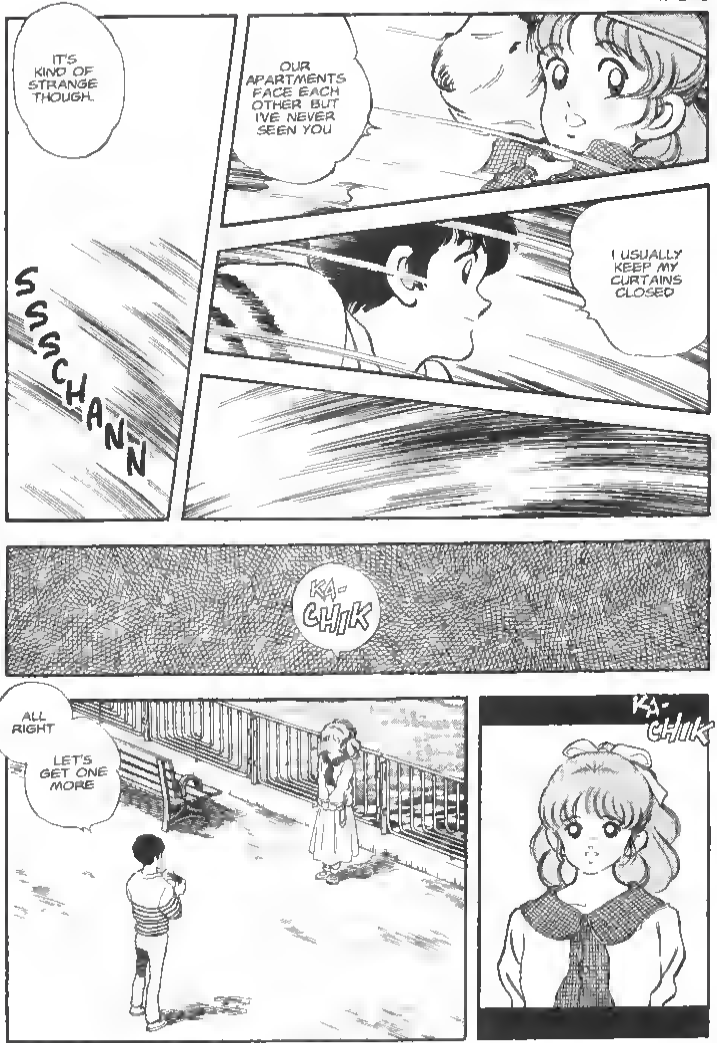
GAK

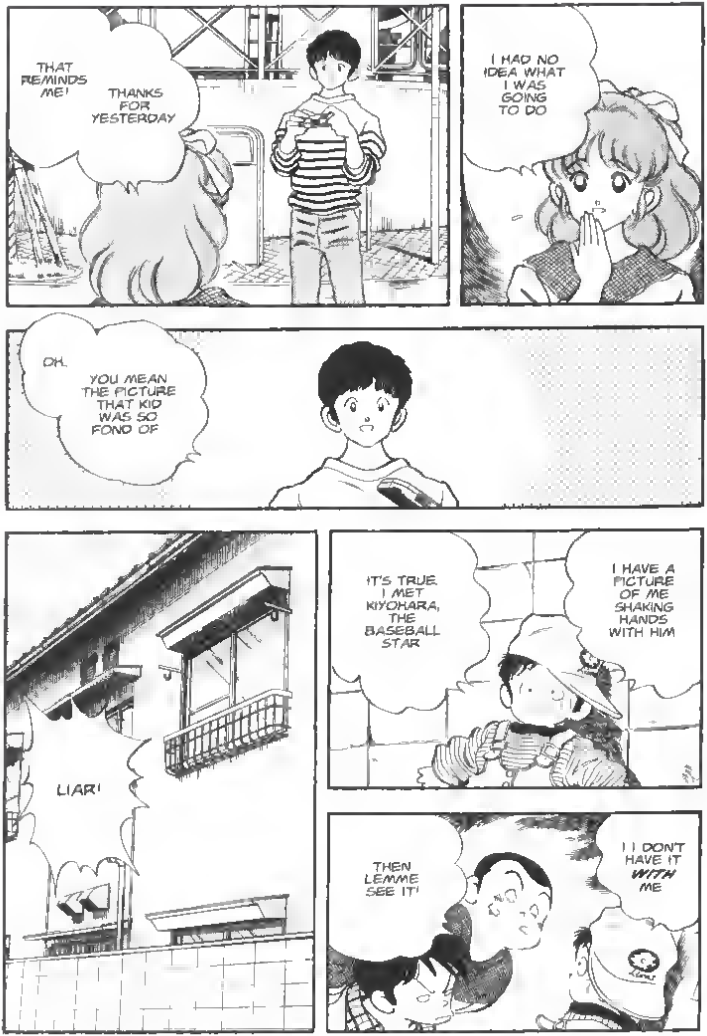

I KNOW WHEN I'M NOT WANTED
I'M GOING...
HAPPY NOW?
SLAMM

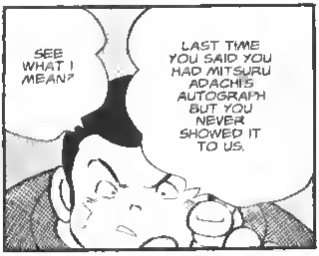
THANK YOU.
YOU REALLY HELPED ME OUT
I WAS PRETTY SHOCKED
I JUST HAPPENED TO LOOK OUT MY WINDOW AND WHAT DO I SEE...
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO
YOU TWO WEREN'T ACTING LIKE LOVERS.
LOVERS? NOT EVEN CLOSE
HE'S A BASTARD
WE GREW UP IN THE SAME TOWN AND WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL TOGETHER
HE WAS THE CAPTAIN OF THE SOCCER TEAM. THE CLASS HEART THROB

I BUMPED INTO HIM BEFORE NEW YEARS.
FIRST THING HE SAID WAS "IF I'D KNOWN YOU WERE GONNA CLEAN UP THIS NICE, I WOULDN'T HAVE BLOWN YOU OFF."
GIVE ME A BREAK!
I DID ASK HIM OUT ONE TIME IN HIGH SCHOOL.
BUT I HAD NO INTENTION OF SEEING HIM AGAIN
HONESTLY
I'M ASHAMED THAT I EVER LIKED HIM AT ALL
APPARENTLY HE'S SEEING THREE WOMEN AT ONCE.
I'VE HEARD ABOUT GUYS LIKE THAT
I GUESS I'M NOT A VERY GOOD JUDGE OF A MAN'S CHARACTER.

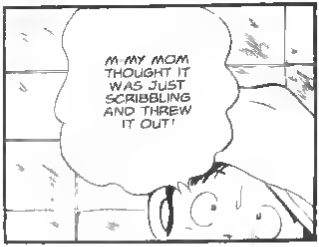
IN HINDSIGHT ALL OF THE GUYS I'VE EVER FALLEN FOR HAVE TURNED OUT TO BE REAL JERKS
"ALL OF THE GUYS..."
HOW MANY WERE THERE?
TWO
THAT LEAVES GUY NUMBER 3 WITH A BIG RESPONSIBILITY

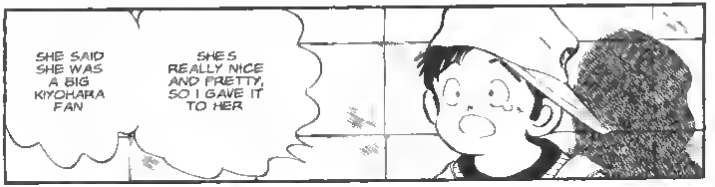

IT'S KIND OF STRANGE THOUGH.
OUR APARTMENTS FACE EACH OTHER BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU
I USUALLY KEEP MY CURTAINS CLOSED
SSSCHANN
KA-CHIK
ALL RIGHT
LET'S GET ONE MORE
KA-CHIK

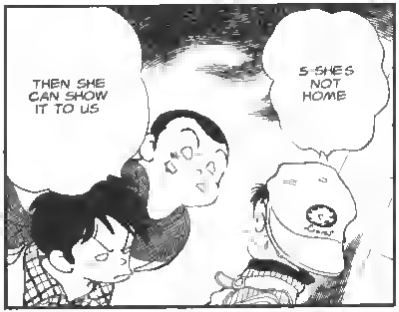

THAT REMINDS ME!
THANKS FOR YESTERDAY
I HAD NO IDEA WHAT I WAS GOING TO DO
OH.
YOU MEAN THE PICTURE THAT KID WAS SO FOND OF
LIAR!
IT'S TRUE. I MET KIYOHARA, THE BASEBALL STAR
I HAVE A PICTURE OF ME SHAKING HANDS WITH HIM
THEN LEMME SEE IT!
I DON'T HAVE IT WITH ME


SEE WHAT I MEAN?
LAST TIME YOU SAID YOU HAD MITSURU ADACHI'S AUTOGRAPH BUT YOU NEVER SHOWED IT TO US.

LIAR!
YOU'RE A LIAR!
AM NOT
I GAVE THE PICTURE TO THE LADY NEXT DOOR

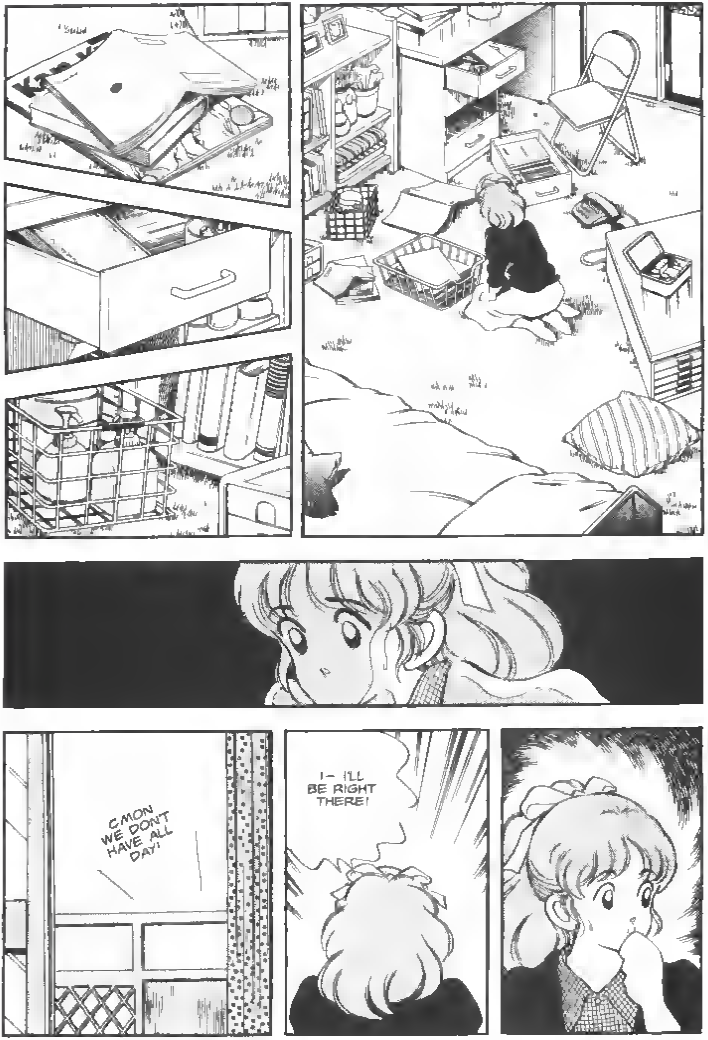

M-MY MOM THOUGHT IT WAS JUST SCRIBBLING AND THREW IT OUT!


SHE SAID SHE WAS A BIG KIYOHARA FAN
SHE'S REALLY NICE AND PRETTY, SO I GAVE IT TO HER

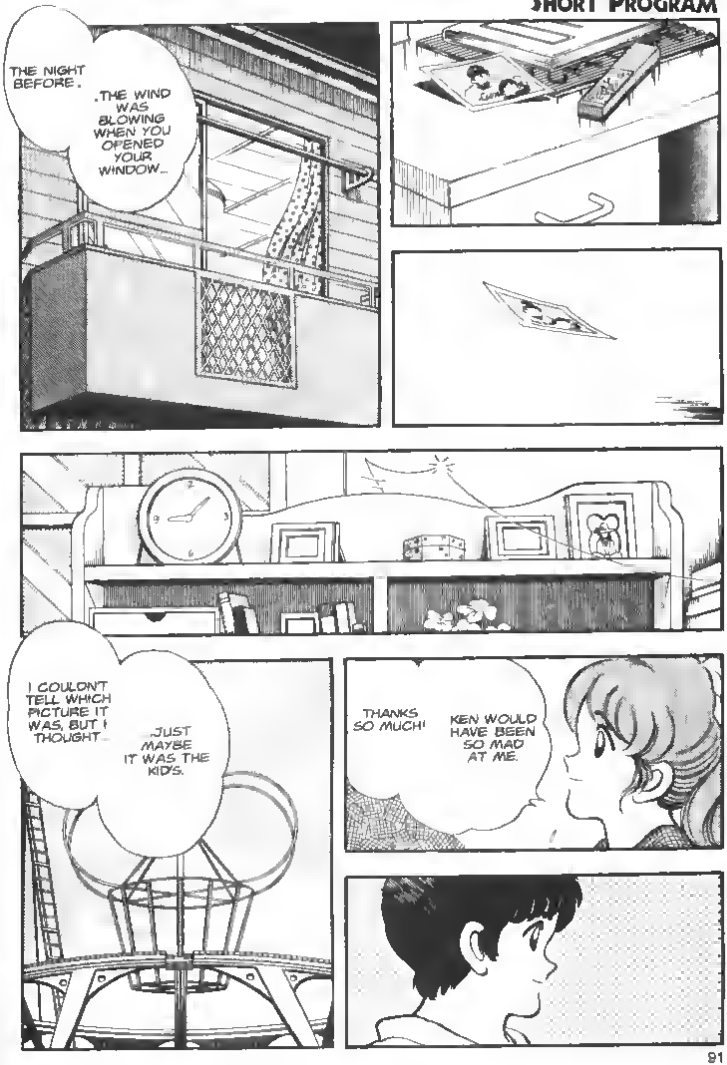

THEN SHE CAN SHOW IT TO US
S-SHE'S NOT HOME

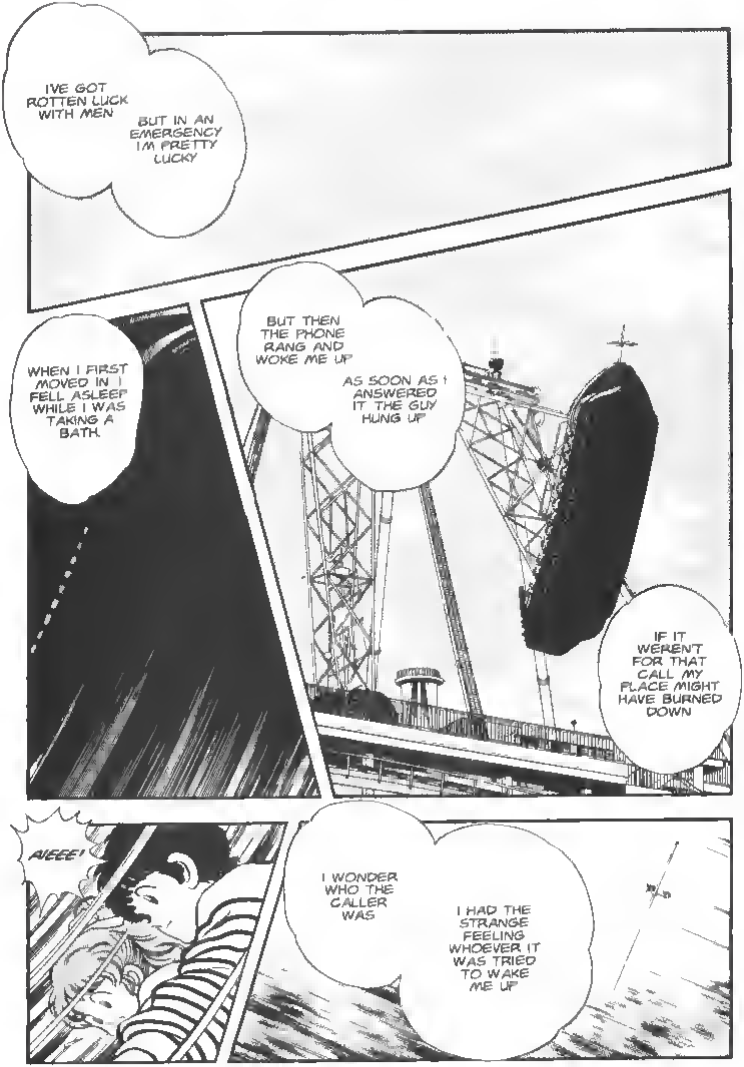
THERE HE GOES AGAIN
HA!

HEY!
LIAR!
LIAR!
KEN IS NO LIAR!!
OH, NAOMI
WELL THEN PROVE IT!
ALL RIGHT, I WILL!
YOU WAIT HERE
I'LL BRING IT RIGHT OVER


C'MON WE DON'T HAVE ALL DAY!
I- I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!

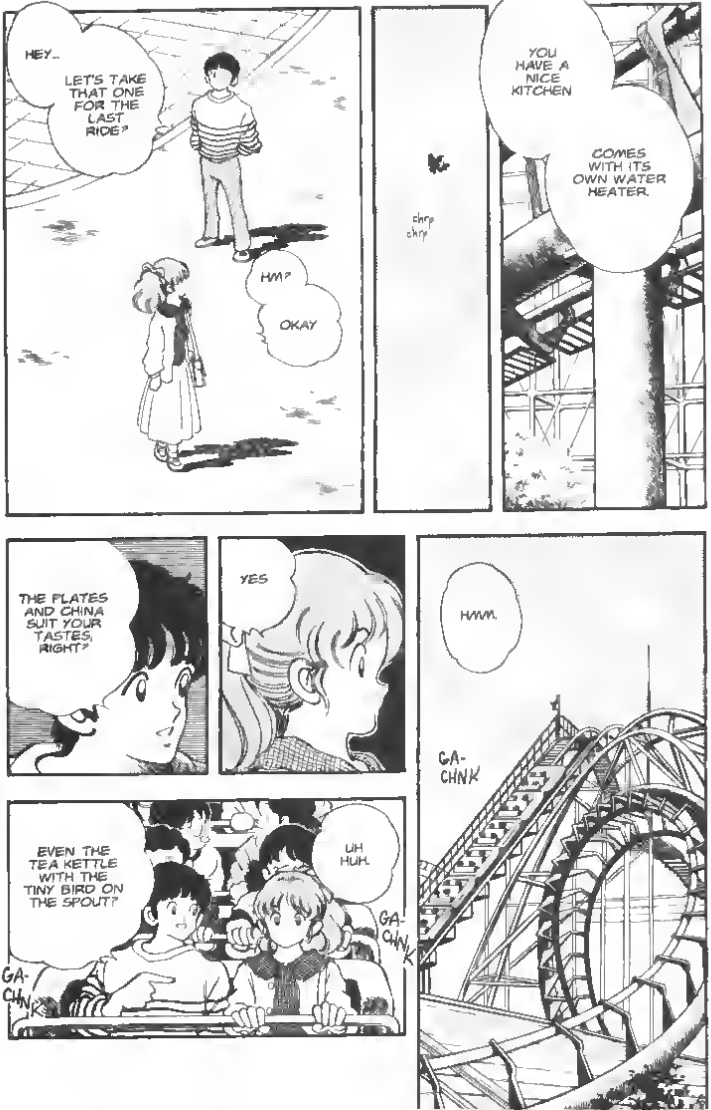
KNOK
KNOK
KA-
CHA,K
TRY THE AREA BEHIND YOUR BOOK-SHELF
IT WAS JUST A CO-INCIDENCE.


THE NIGHT BEFORE.
.THE WIND WAS BLOWING WHEN YOU OPENED YOUR WINDOW...
I COULDN'T TELL WHICH PICTURE IT WAS, BUT I THOUGHT...
.JUST MAYBE IT WAS THE KIDS.
THANKS SO MUCH!
KEN WOULD HAVE BEEN SO MAD AT ME.

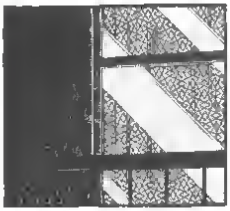

I'VE GOT ROTTEN LUCK WITH MEN
BUT IN AN EMERGENCY I'M PRETTY LUCKY
WHEN I FIRST MOVED IN I FELL ASLEEP WHILE I WAS TAKING A BATH.
BUT THEN THE PHONE RANG AND WOKE ME UP
AS SOON AS I ANSWERED IT THE GUY HUNG UP
IF IT WEREN'T FOR THAT CALL MY PLACE MIGHT HAVE BURNED DOWN
AIEEE!
I WONDER WHO THE CALLER WAS
I HAD THE STRANGE FEELING WHOEVER IT WAS TRIED TO WAKE ME UP

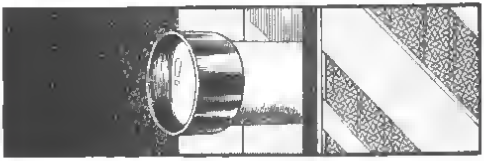
PROBABLY JUST SOME CRANK CALL
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT
Drinks
HOW BIG IS YOUR ROOM?
ABOUT 100 SQUARE FEET
SAME AS MINE
AND YOUR RENT?
¥23,000
REALLY!?
I'M PAYING ¥36,000 FOR MINE
YOURS COMES WITH A BATH.

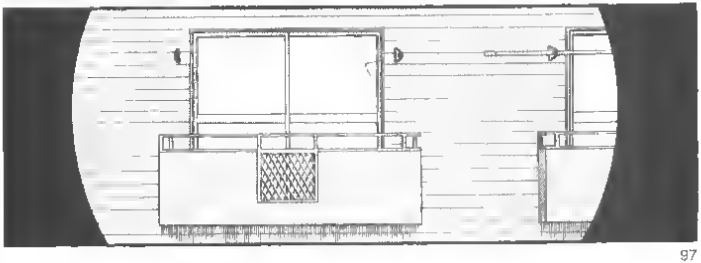
OH RIGHT
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT
RED TILES AND A GREEN TUB
NOT A VERY APPEALING COMBINATION
SEE WHAT I MEAN?
BUT THE BATHTUB IS REALLY TINY
AND THE ROOM HAS NO CLASS.
I'D LIKE TO MEET THE GUY WHO CAME UP WITH GREEN TUBS.
FSHOOM
....!
AIEEEE

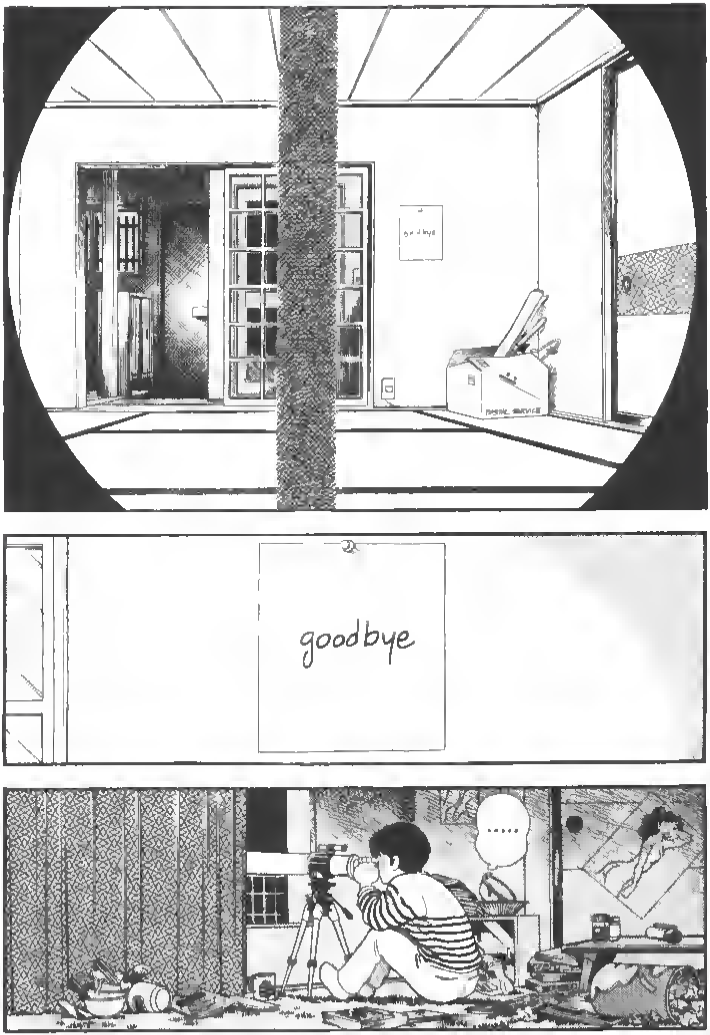

HEY...
LET'S TAKE THAT ONE FOR THE LAST RIDE."
HM?
OKAY
chrp chrp
YOU HAVE A NICE KITCHEN
COMES WITH ITS OWN WATER HEATER.
THE PLATES AND CHINA SUIT YOUR TASTES, RIGHT?
YES
HMM.
GA-CHNK
EVEN THE TEA KETTLE WITH THE TINY BIRD ON THE SPOUT?
UH HUH.
GA-CHNK
GA-CHNK

AND I'LL BET THE TOILETS ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE BATH.
YUP.
I'M RIGHT!
I KNEW IT!
FSHAAA
WOULD YOU MIND IF I CAME AROUND SOMETIME?"
SURE.
YAAAAHH!





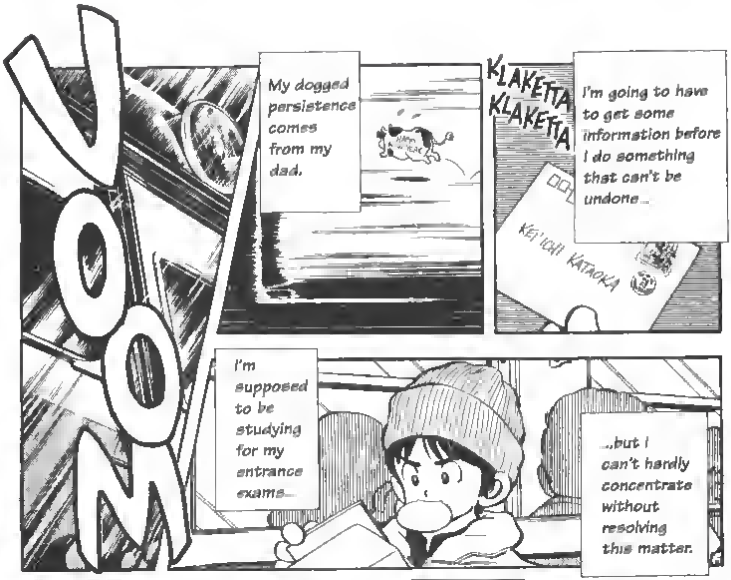


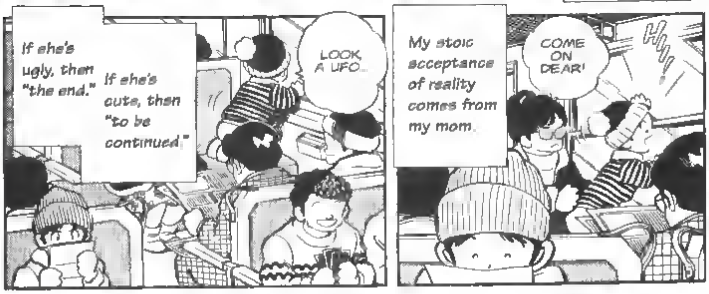


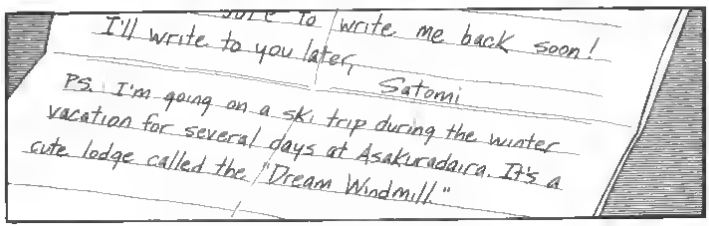
SHORT PROGRAM: THE END

PROGRAM 4:
WHAT'S GOING ON!? PART 1

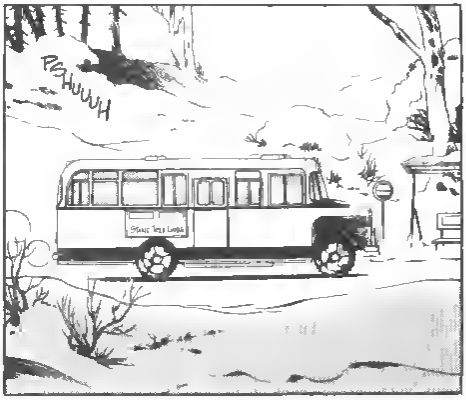
It's dangerous.
GONG
GONG
GONG
GONG
GONG
If this keeps up, I'll fall in love
SKREEE
We've been pen-pals for three years now
KLAKKETA KLAKKETA
That's very dangerous!
Too dangerous!
MOO
So all I have is my ever more detailed imagination
I've never seen her face. Never heard her voice


VOOM
My dogged persistence comes from my dad.
KLAKETTA KLAKETTA
I'm going to have to get some information before I do something that can't be undone...
KEI'ICHI KATAOKA
I'm supposed to be studying for my entrance exams...
...but I can't hardly concentrate without resolving this matter.

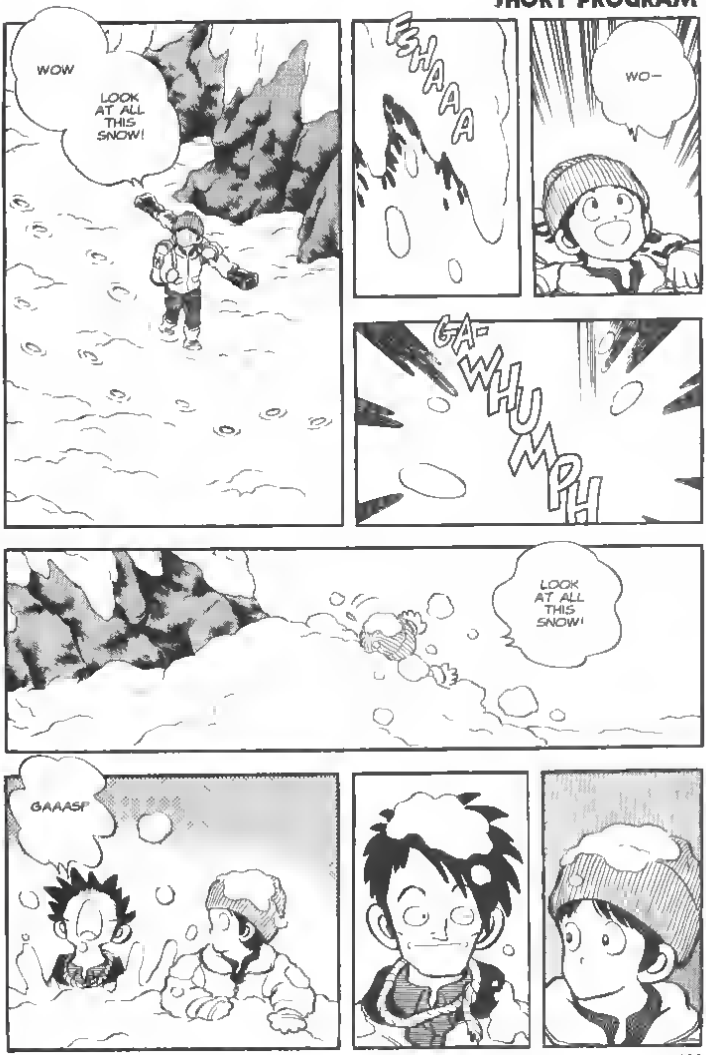

If she's ugly, then "the end."
If she's cute, then "to be continued."
LOOK, A UFO...
My stoic acceptance of reality comes from my mom.
COME ON DEAR!
HHH


I'll write to you later, Satomi
PS. I'm going on a ski trip during the winter vacation for several days at Asakuradaira. It's a cute lodge called the "Dream Windmill."

VEEEEN


PSHUUUH

VROOOM


WOW
LOOK AT ALL THIS SNOW!
EEHAAA
WO—
GA-WHUMPH!
LOOK AT ALL THIS SNOW!
GAAASP

UM..
HELLO
EXCUSE
ME

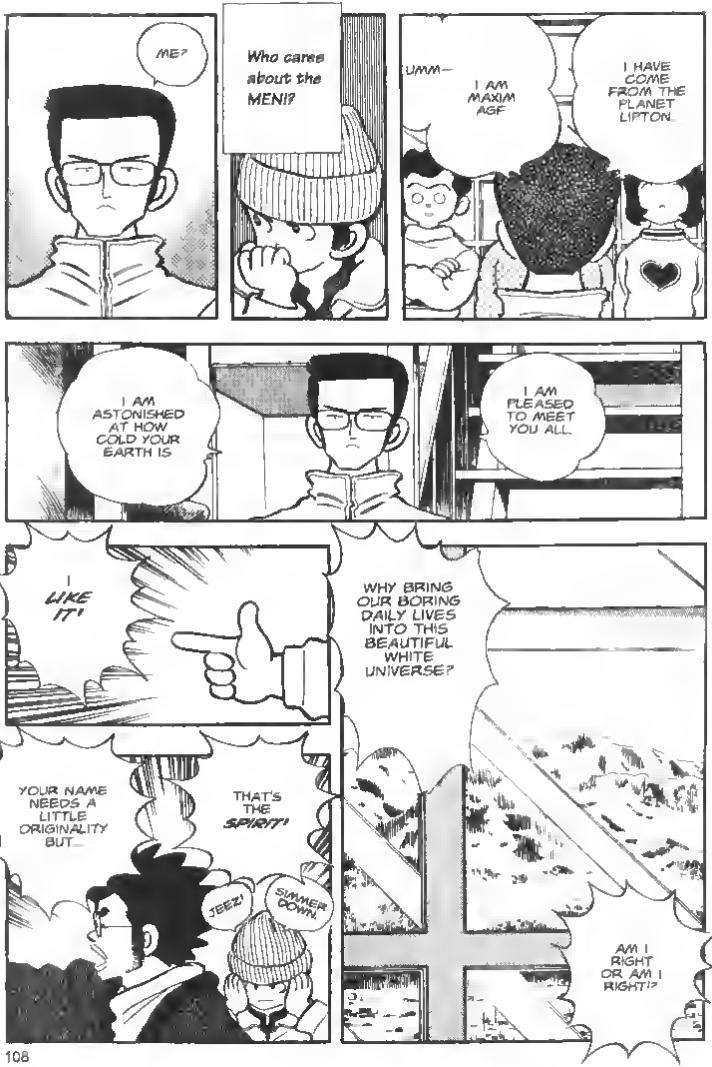
WHAT
WAS
THAT?

Lodge
満風車

COME ON IN!
♫
HELLO
MY NAME IS YAMADA FROM TOKYO
A pseudonym for the lodge register, of course.
Because she doesn't know my name or voice either.
YAWEH
YAK YAK
HYUK HYUK!
HAW HAW!
Depending on the circumstances, I might have to concoct an excuse for a quick exit.
...

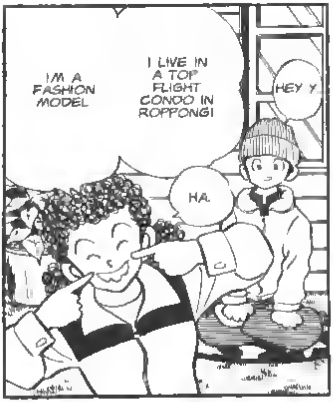
WELCOME TO THE DREAM WINDMILL!
BAM
IS THAT EVERY ONE THEN?
YEP
ALL RIGHT THEN
EVERY ONE COME DOWN STAIRS!
WHAT?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
TMP
TMP
...
ALL RIGHT
SIT WHERE YOU CAN FIND SPACE

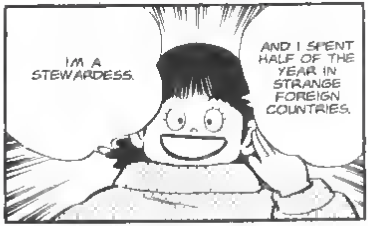
One, two.
shff! shff!
. three, four
THE NEW YEAR BROUGHT US ALL TOGETHER AT THIS TINY LODGE SO WE HAVE TO THINK OF IT AS FATE
ALL OF YESTERDAY'S GUESTS HAVE LEFT
..SO EVERYONE HERE IS A NEW GUEST..
Six girls
One of them must be..
THERE'S AN OLD SAYING AROUND THESE PARTS
"EVERYONE IS YOUR FRIEND IN THE MOUNTAINS!"
LOWER YOUR VOLUME!
SO INTRO DUCTIONS ARE IN ORDER
EVERYONE SHOULD INTRODUCE THEMSELVES!
HOW ABOUT IT?
Her name is Satomi Nishijima
Do I win or lose?
NOW THEN
WE'LL START WITH YOU..

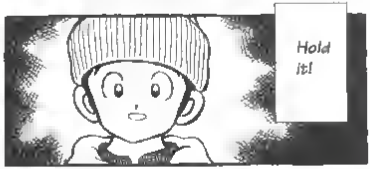

ME?
Who cares about the MEN!?
UMM—
I AM MAXIM AGF
I HAVE COME FROM THE PLANET LIPTON.
I AM ASTONISHED AT HOW COLD YOUR EARTH IS
I AM PLEASED TO MEET YOU ALL.
I LIKE IT!
WHY BRING OUR BORING DAILY LIVES INTO THIS BEAUTIFUL WHITE UNIVERSE?
YOUR NAME NEEDS A LITTLE ORIGINALITY BUT...
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
JEEZ!
SUMMER DOWN
AM I RIGHT OR AM I RIGHT!?

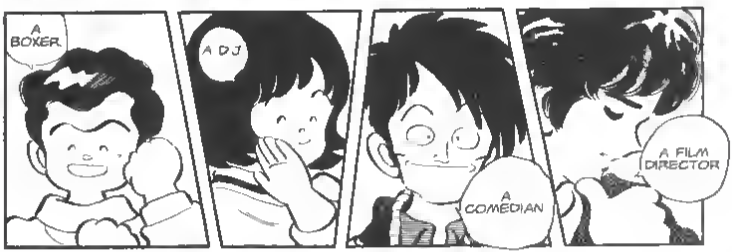
SOME OF US HAVE COME FROM THE CITY
OTHERS FROM THE COUNTRY
BUT HERE WE'RE IN A DIFFERENT WORLD!
WE CAN FORGET THE LAME LIVES WE COME FROM
SOME ARE MODEL CITIZENS
OTHERS ARE DROP OUTS
SOME ARE RICH
SOME NOT SO RICH
THROW AWAY YOUR REAL NAMES
BE WHAT YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE!
HUH?
LIE TO US!
WHILE WE'RE HERE YOU CAN ACT OUT YOUR FANTASIES!

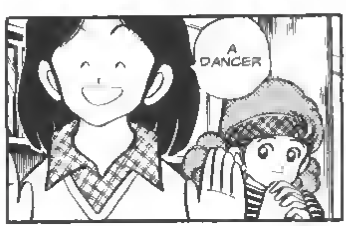
I SEE
A KIND OF MASQUERADE
WHILE HE'S HERE HE'S AN ALIEN
NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE SAYS HE'S A SPACE CASE
PRECISELY!
YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ASK ABOUT ANYONE ELSE'S REAL IDENTITY
AND YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO TELL ANYONE ABOUT YOURSELVES EITHER!
ALL RIGHT!
No! NOT right at all!
SOUNDS LIKE FUN!
YEAH!
SIGN ME UP!
EXCUSE ME, BUT
THEN...
IT'S UNANIMOUS!

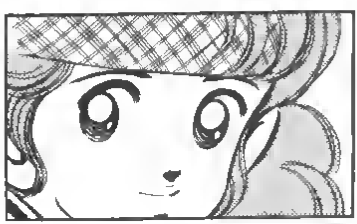

I'M A FASHION MODEL
I LIVE IN A TOP FLIGHT CONDO IN ROPPONGI
HEY Y
HA.


I'M A STEWARDESS.
AND I SPENT HALF OF THE YEAR IN STRANGE FOREIGN COUNTRIES.


Hold it!


A BOXER
A DJ
A COMEDIAN
A FILM DIRECTOR


A DANCER



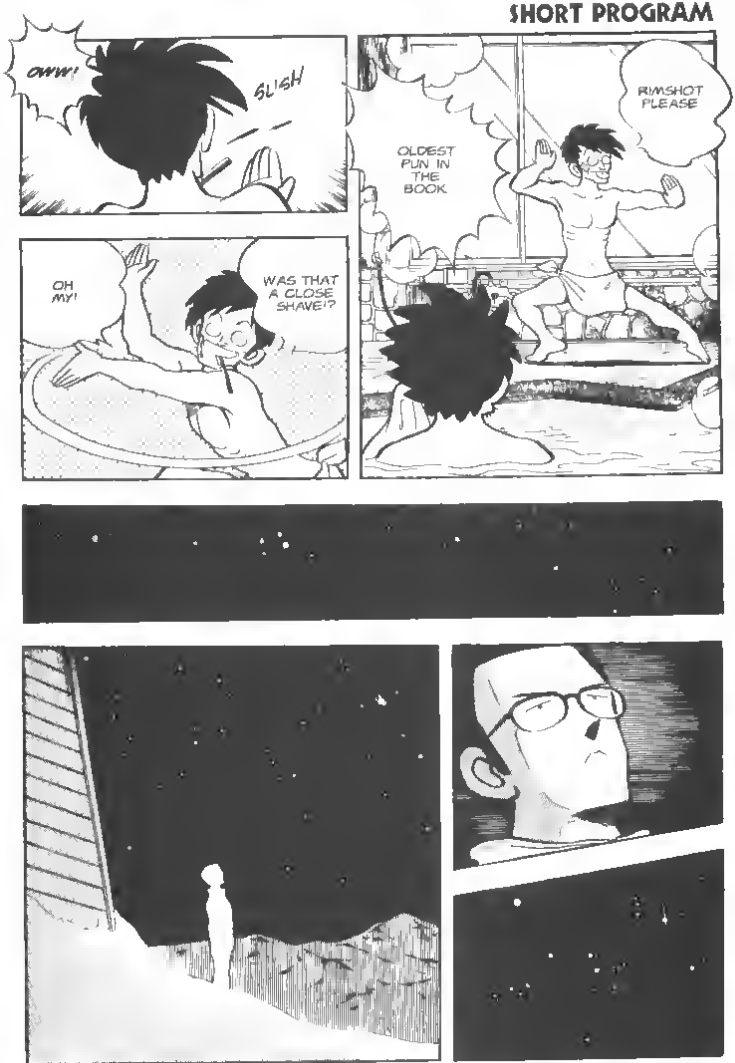
This is NOT good.
I AM NOT ONE OF THEM!
PLEASED TO MEET YOU ALL.
GOT IT!? I'M NOT ONE OF THOSE WRETCHED COMIC BOOK WRITERS WHO DON'T SELL AN ISSUE
AND I'M A BEST SELLING AUTHOR.
ADVERTISING
DESIGNER
RACER
NOW, ON TO THE FESTIVI—
I'M SORRY!
WE SEEM TO HAVE MISSED ONE
WHAT ARE YOU?
A PRIVATE DETECTIVE

You GOTTA be kidding.
What else can go wrong!?
"Masquerade," give me a break!
I was supposed to be the only one wearing a mask here!
So now..
GUNCH
..things get complicated..
MR. DETECTIVE!
GAK!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US IN A CARD GAME?

I'M OUT!
ME TOO!
I CALL
UMM
YES?
O OH. IT'S NOTHING
What's your name?
FULL HOUSE
WHAT ?
THE DIRECTOR WINS AGAIN!
YOU'RE SO GOOD!
JUST BLIND LUCK

I KNEW IT!
HUH?
OH. NOTHING
CARE TO JOIN US?
UMM.
SHE'S A SHOJO MANGA ARTIST!
AM I RIGHT?
HUH?
THAT'S RIGHT
HERE YOU CAN USE MY CHIPS.
OH NO THANK YOU
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN MORE OF AN OBSERVER.
And what's your NAME?

HELLO!
OH, HELLO


AWW!
SLISH
OLDEST PUN IN THE BOOK
RIMSHOT PLEASE
OH MY!
WAS THAT A CLOSE SHAVE!?

HM
I'LL BORROW TEN MORE CHIPS!
LOOKS LIKE NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO FINANCE MY NEXT MEGA BLOCK BUSTER HIT!!
HA HA.
mumble mumble
STRAIGHT!
FOUR OF A KIND!
YEP I KNEW IT
To Be Continued

PROGRAM 5:
WHAT'S GOING ON!? PART 2

YOU'RE PSYCHIC!?

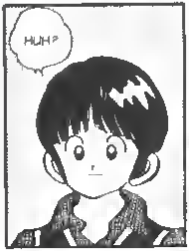
THAT'S RIGHT!
AS LONG AS IT INVOLVES NUMBERS! I'M NEVER WRONG!

REALLY?

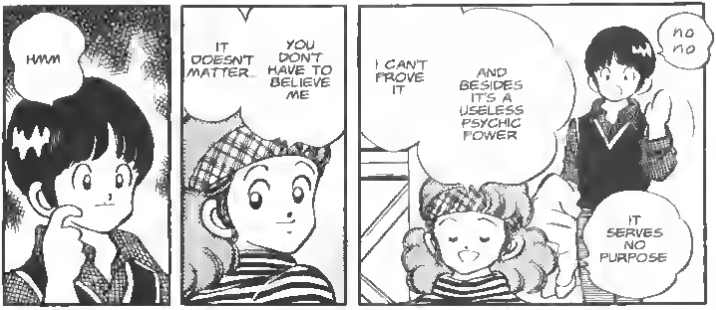
THOSE CARD GAMES...
I WAS RIGHT EVERY SINGLE TIME!

THEN COULDN'T YOU—
BUT IT'S USELESS

AS LONG AS I KEEP IT TO MYSELF I'M 100% CORRECT
SAME WITH THE LOTTERY EVEN IF I KNOW IT'S THE RIGHT NUMBER
...THE MINUTE I TELL SOMEONE OR BUY A TICKET THEN IT DOESN'T WORK

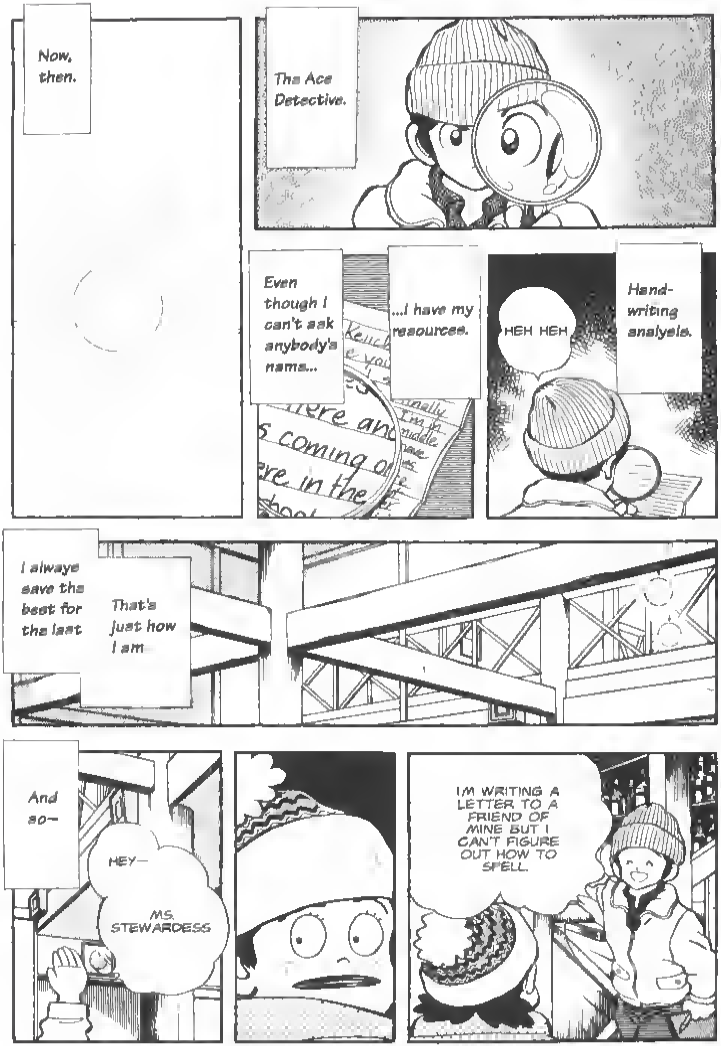

HUH?

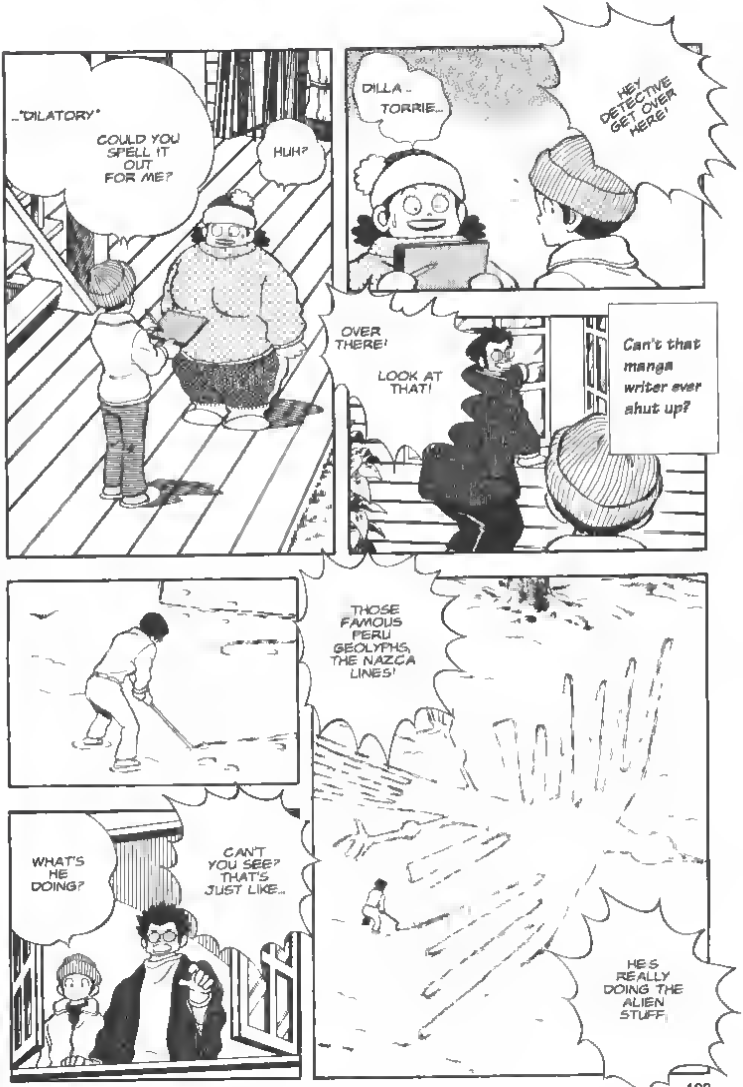
AS SOON AS I TELL SOME ONE
MY GUESS TURNS OUT WRONG


HMM
IT DOESN'T MATTER...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BELIEVE ME
I CAN'T PROVE IT
AND BESIDES IT'S A USELESS PSYCHIC POWER
IT SERVES NO PURPOSE
no no
OH THAT'S RIGHT
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE A COMIC BOOK ARTIST RIGHT!?
HA HA
Yeah, as if a cute comic artist exists!

HM?

THE OPINION EXPRESSED IS THE VIEW OF THE CHARACTER!
IT REALLY DOESN'T REPRESENT THE VIEW OF THE AUTHOR OR PUBLISHER!!

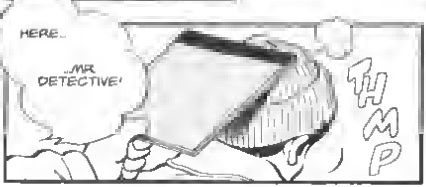

Now, then.
The Ace Detective.
Even though I can't ask anybody's name...
...I have my resources.
HEH HEH
Hand-writing analysis.
I always save the best for the last
That's just how I am
And so—
HEY— MS. STEWARDESS
I'M WRITING A LETTER TO A FRIEND OF MINE BUT I CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW TO SPELL


..."DILATORY"
COULD YOU SPELL IT OUT FOR ME?
HUH?
DILLA... TORRIE...
HEY DETECTIVE GET OVER HERE!
OVER THERE!
LOOK AT THAT!
Can't that manga writer ever shut up?
THOSE FAMOUS PERU GEOLYPHS, THE NAZCA LINES!
WHAT'S HE DOING?
CAN'T YOU SEE? THAT'S JUST LIKE...
HE'S REALLY DOING THE ALIEN STUFF!

HALLOOO!

...

YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF!
NOT KNOWING HOW TO SPELL SUCH A SIMPLE WORD!
THANKS...

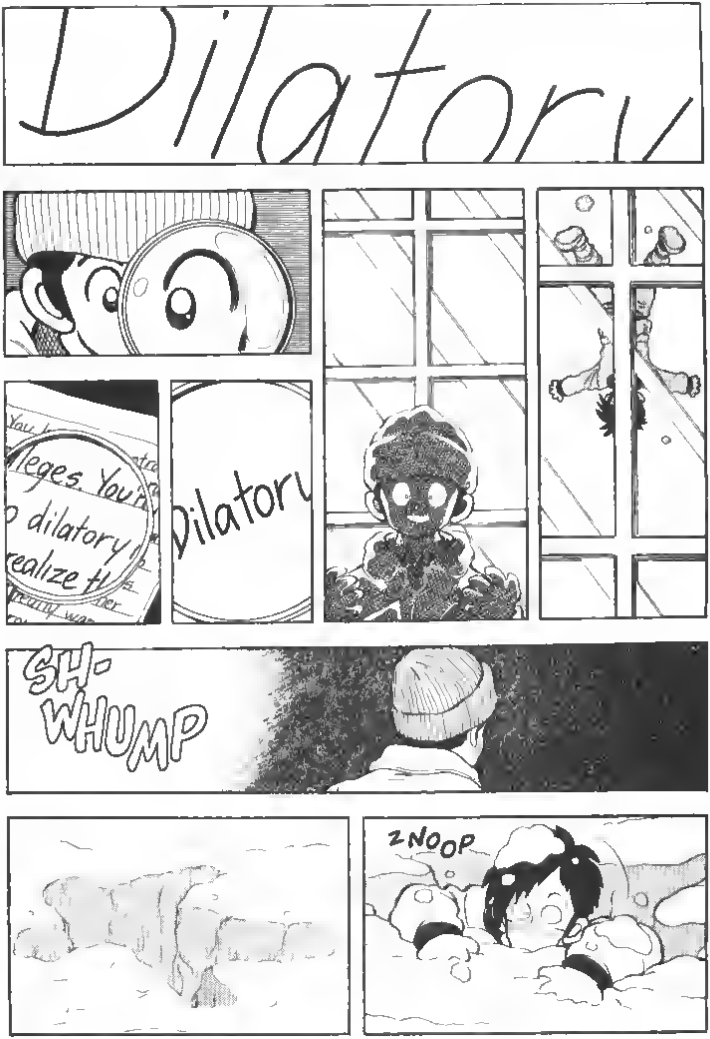

HERE...
...MR DETECTIVE!
THMP

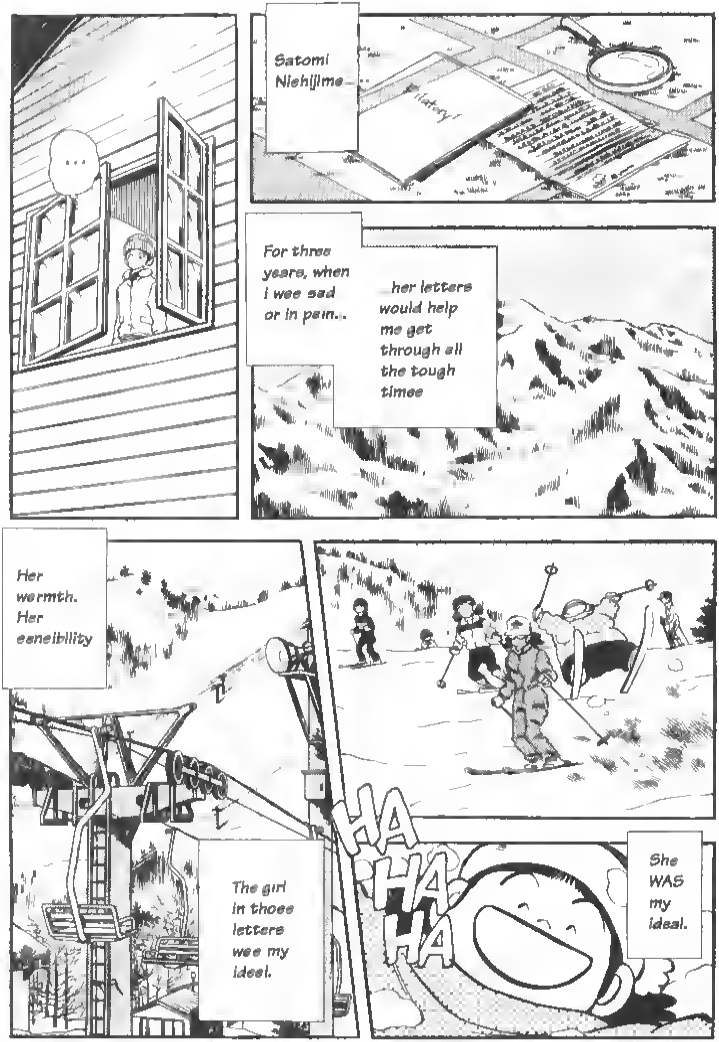
ATTENTION ALL PASSENGERS
Well, I highly doubt that...
KA-WHMP
KA-WHMP

...she could be...

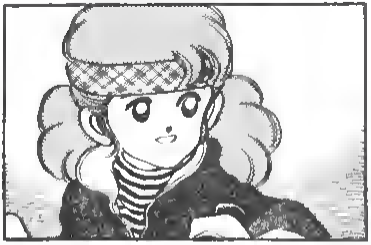
Dilatory!

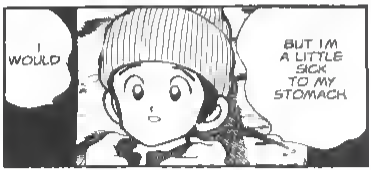
Dilatory!


Dilatory
leges. You
dilatory
realize
Dilatory
SH-
WHUMP
ZNOOP


...
Satomi Nishijima
history
For three years, when I was sad or in pain...
...her letters would help me get through all the tough times
Her warmth. Her sensibility
The girl in those letters was my ideal.
HA HA HA
She WAS my ideal.

AREN'T YOU GOING TO SKI MR. DETECTIVE?




I WOULD
BUT I'M A LITTLE SICK TO MY STOMACH

Just as I was about to dig in, I caught food poisoning.
WHENEVER I FEEL DOWN AND OUT I GRAB THE PHONE AND START DIALING
ALL OF A SUDDEN

I CAN FEEL MY SPIRITS BEING LIFTED!

YKNOW WHY?
NOPE

BECAUSE I GET HIGH ON "HI"!

RIMSHOT PLEASE!
I BE BAD!
HA
HA
HA
HEE
FWEET
YOU BAD!
THIS IS GREAT!
THE YUKIYAMA MASQUERADE! IT'S THE BEST!
I'LL HAVE TO WRITE A STORY ABOUT THIS WHEN I GET HOME!
I'LL DIVIDE IT INTO TWO PARTS...
PART 1 WILL BE 20 PAGES. PART 2 CAN BE 18
IT'LL BE A HIT!
HA HA HA
YOU IDIOT
YOU NEED LOTS MORE PAGES!
ARE YOU FEELING ANY BETTER?
YOUR STOMACH?
HUH?
YOUR STOMACH!
OH.
YES.
She didn't have to be THIS cute

I could have settled for less...
...or even if it WERE her.
BURRP
If the warmth and sensibility in those letters were real..
HEY, WE'RE ALMOST OUTTA BEER OVER HERE!
C'MON, YOU OLD HAG!
That's it! I'm hitting the bottle!
HA HA HA
WANT A REFILL?
OH, THANK YOU
HUH...
THAT'S WEIRD
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
sniff
IT'S JUST...

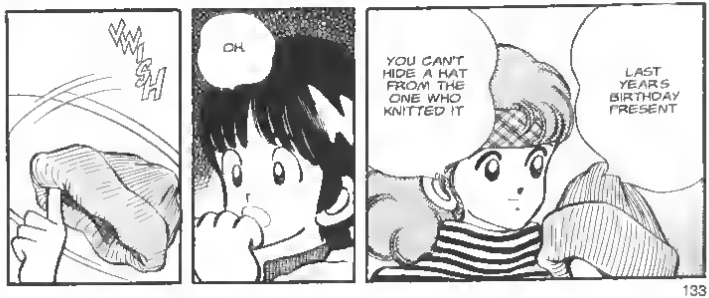
YOU DROPPED SOME THING
HUH?
A LOTTERY TICKET
MISSED THE JACK-POT?
OH, NO
I DON'T THINK THE NUMBERS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED YET
THAT'S RIGHT... I WENT AND BOUGHT THIS.
I'D COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT
MAYBE
I SHOULD GIVE HOPE JUST ONE LAST SHOT
EXCUSE ME?
OH.
...IM JUST TAAAALKIN TO MYSELF—
CAN I SEE YOUR TICKET?
HUH?

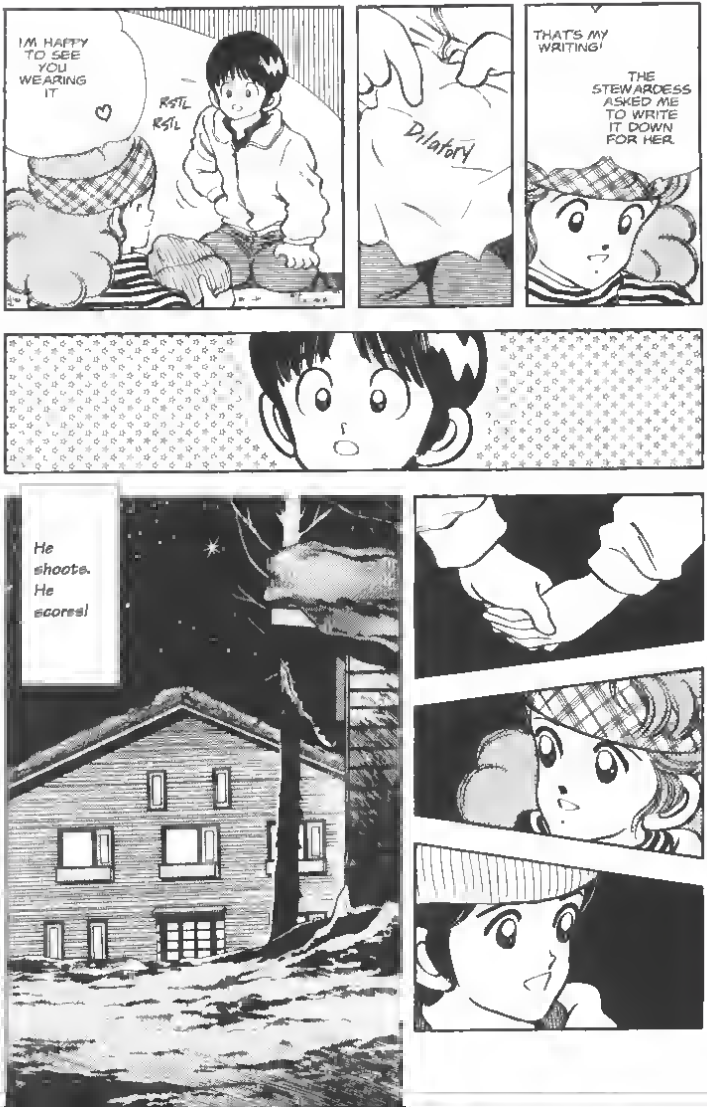
THANKS.
OH, NO!
I'M NOT SAYING A WORD!
Her ability only works if she doesn't tell.
HEY.
YOU SHOULDN'T BE DRINKING KEIICHI!
YOU'RE STILL STUDYING FOR YOUR EXAMS!
OKAY

WHEEYOO WHEEYOO
TMP TMP TMP TMP
HELLO
HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN!?
THERE HE IS!
HMM!!
HAVE A BELT!
SHUKKA SHUKKA
KEIICHI
OOPS.

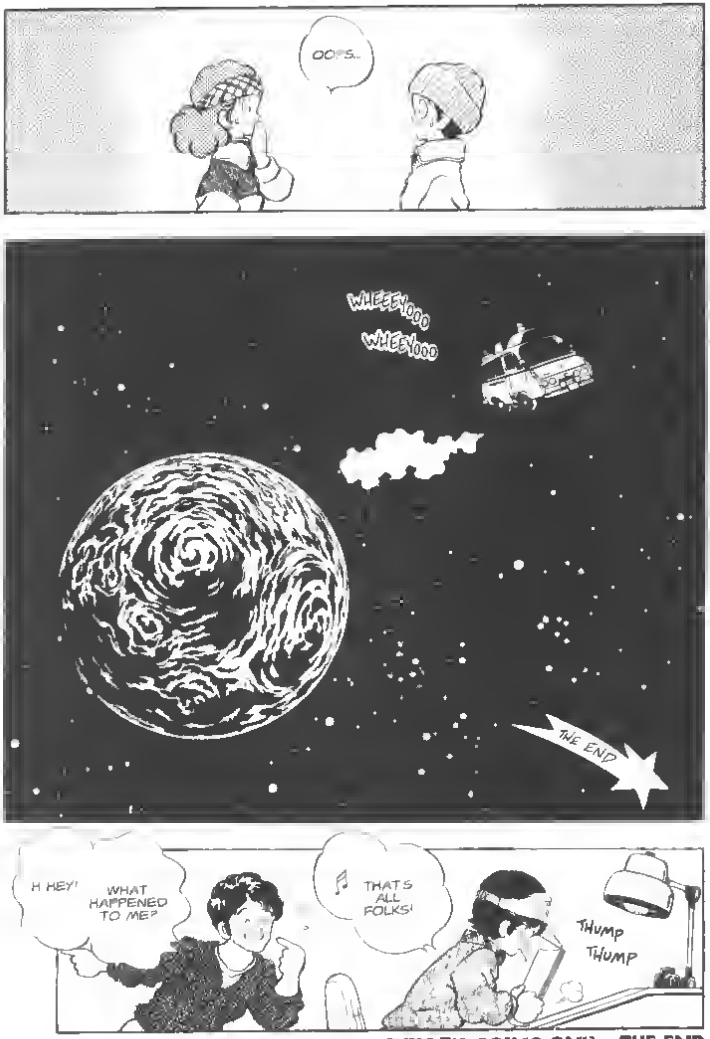
H-HELP ME EARTHLINGS!
I HAVE AN IMPORTANT TASK I MUST--
WHEEYOO WHEEYOO
DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING
WE'LL KEEP THE EARTH SAFE!!
HA HA HA!
GA-CHUNK

NOT A VERY GOOD DISGUISE FOR A DETECTIVE!


WWSH
OH.
YOU CAN'T HIDE A HAT FROM THE ONE WHO KNITTED IT
LAST YEARS BIRTHDAY PRESENT


I'M HAPPY TO SEE YOU WEARING IT
RSTL RSTL
Dilatory
THAT'S MY WRITING!
THE STEWARDESS ASKED ME TO WRITE IT DOWN FOR HER.
He shoots. He scores!

LOOK OVER THERE!
IT LOOKS LIKE THE AMBULANCE IS GOING UP THE MOUNTAIN
MAYBE THE HOSPITALS AT THE PEAK
ALL RIGHT!
NOW I CAN CONCENTRATE ON MY ENTRANCE EXAMS!
YOU KNOW YOUR TEST ID NUMBER?
SURE
2407
2407...
IT'S OKAY! YOU PASSED!
REALLY!?



WHAT'S GOING ON!? - THE END

PROGRAM 6:

AT THE INTERSECTION

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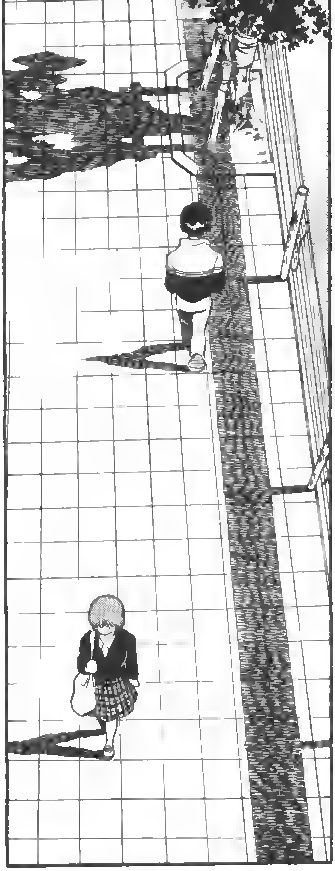
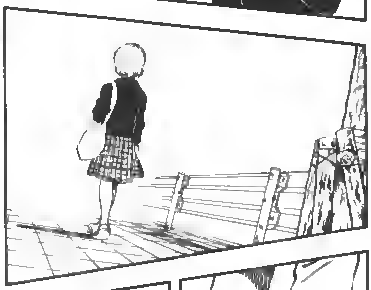
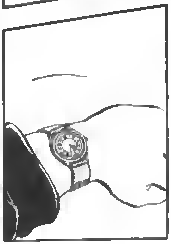
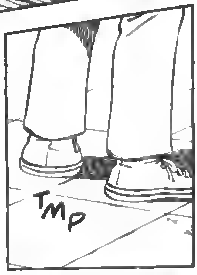
VRRR





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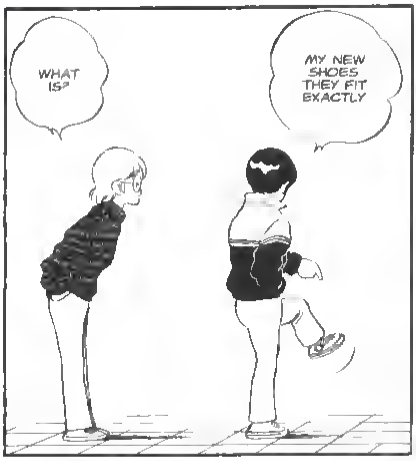
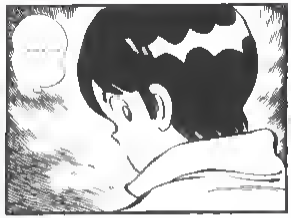
EXACTLY!


WHAT IS?
MY NEW SHOES THEY FIT EXACTLY



SO YOU GOT PAID TODAY HUH?

LATER, KATSUAKI!

Jonathan's
in 24 HRS

STRESS CAN MAKE YOU SICK

YOU KNOW THAT YOU PHYSICALLY CAN'T SAY "NO" SO DON'T EVEN TRY
NO
...
I GET PAID NEXT WEEK SO YOU'LL HAVE THE MONEY RIGHT BACK IN YOUR HANDS
WHY DO YOU NEED ¥10,000 JUST FOR A DATE!?
THAT'S BECAUSE
HAH ♡
JUST IN CASE YOU KNOW...
DRUL
FORTUNATELY YOU DON'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND SO...
WHAT'S "FORTUNATE" ABOUT IT?
PLEASE!
YOU'LL GET IT BACK NEXT WEEK I PROMISE!
C'MON!

SKRRSH
SKRRSH
blah
YOUR ORDER SIR?
COFFEE
TAK TAK

SOME ONE YOU KNOW?
UH... YEAH, HIS NAME IS YAMANE HE WAS IN OUR CHEER-LEADING SQUAD BEFORE HE GRADUATED
YOU CAN FIX YOUR FACE NOW
OH RIGHT
IF HE'S FROM YOUR SQUAD, SHOULDN'T YOU AT LEAST SAY "HI"?
I WOULD IF I COULD
YOU CAN'T SAY "HI"?

DAMN!
THAT'S TERRIFYING!
GOD NO! HE'S A TRAVEL AGENT!!

I WON'T FORGET THIS!
FORGET WHAT?

..?

AHHH—

YOU'LL GET IT BACK NEXT WEEK!
HEY!
WAIT, KATSUAKI?!
BRUUM

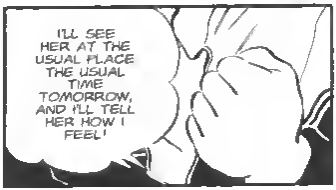
THERE'S ¥15,000 IN THERE!
VROOM
HM?
SO THERE IS.

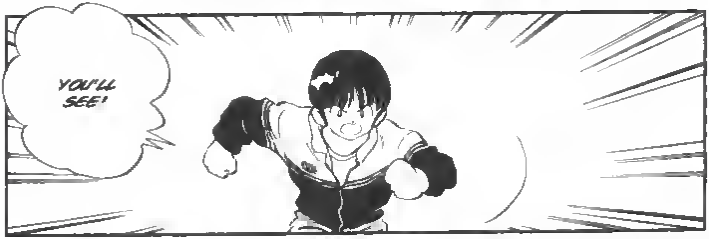
THEN WE'LL CALL IT A ¥10,000 LOAN
WE'LL MEET AGAIN!
SIGH.
WELL... WHAT-EVER
I GOT THE SHOES I WANTED.
BESIDES...

When your "date" is just to pass on the street, it doesn't cost you anything
AAARGH!
WAKKETA WAKKETA
WHY AM I ALWAYS LIKE THIS!?
"WELL"
"WHATEVER..."
I ALWAYS SAY THAT AND THAT'S THE REASON I'VE NEVER HAD A GIRLFRIEND!
THE PROBLEM IS MY ATTITUDE!
GIRLS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ATTRACTED TO ME
I HAVE PROOF!
YAMADA'S GIRLFRIEND, ETSUKO, AND SAKAMOTO'S GIRLFRIEND SACHIKO...
I can tell you now...
I had a crush on you in junior high!
Back then I thought you weren't interested.

AAARGH!
AND I'M HAPPY JUST TO SEE HER PASS BY AT THE INTERSECTION! WHAT AM I SOME KIND OF GRADE-SCHOOL STUDENT!?

ALL RIGHT!
I'M GOING TO TALK TO HER!
THIS TIME I'LL LET HER KNOW MY FEELINGS!


I'LL SEE HER AT THE USUAL PLACE THE USUAL TIME TOMORROW, AND I'LL TELL HER HOW I FEEL!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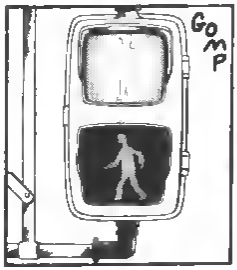
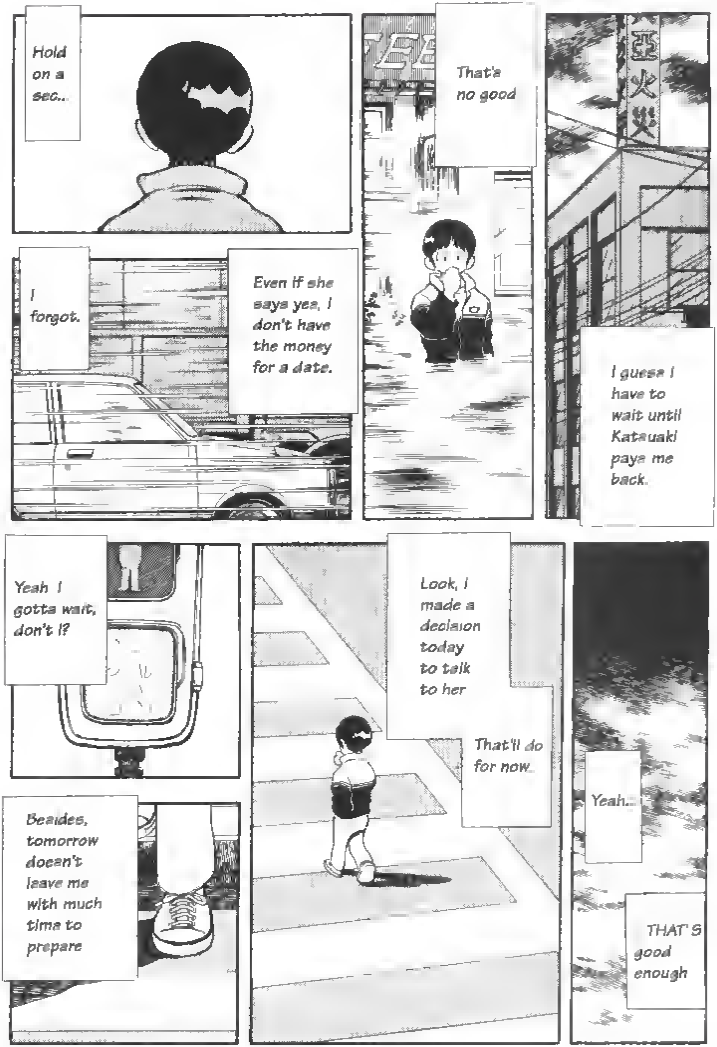

GOMP

VRROOOAA


Hold on a sec..
That's no good
I guess I have to wait until Katsuaki pays me back.
I forgot.
Even if she says yes, I don't have the money for a date.
Yeah I gotta wait, don't I?
Look, I made a decision today to talk to her
That'll do for now.
Yeah..
THAT'S good enough
Besides, tomorrow doesn't leave me with much time to prepare

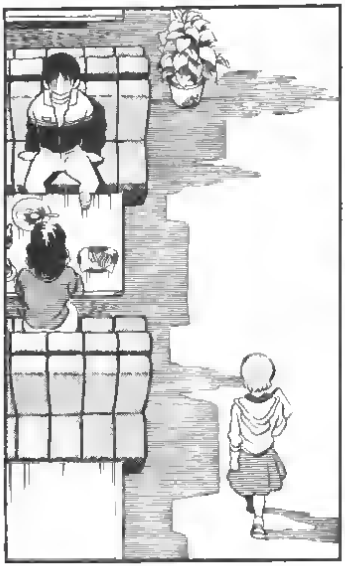
All right
Once that idiot pays me back.
HEY... TAKECHI!
Once that idiot...
AND RESTAURANT
Grr...
HA HA
ORDER WHATEVER YOU WANT!
IT'S ON ME

TAKECHI YOU LIKE IT?
FINE BEEF CURRY AND IT'S MY TREAT!
Yeah yeah.
GUNCHA GUNCHA
YUKI...
IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME
♡
WHERE'RE YOU GOING?
TO TAKE A DUMP
.....

YOU AND KATSUAKI HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE JUNIOR HIGH, RIGHT?
HUH?
YOU MUST BE BEST FRIENDS!
Cause I DON'T!
YTHINK SO?
HEY
DID YOU KNOW?
I HAD A CRUSH ON YOU IN JUNIOR HIGH!
GIRTZ
YOU
YOU DID?
UH HUH
DON'T TELL KATSUAKI BUT I NEVER GOT OVER YOU
HUH!?
KA-CHANG
HI! SIT ANY WHERE

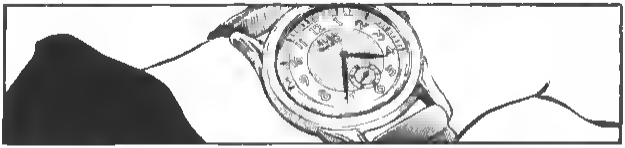
BULLDOG
NOW TODAY'S UPDATE ON THE KOSHIEN BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
AFTER A SERIES OF CLOSE GAMES MEISEI HIGH
HAS MADE IT TO THE FINALS!
LEMON TEA.
NEXT THEY'LL MEET SUMIKO HIGH AND THE ACE PITCHER NITTA

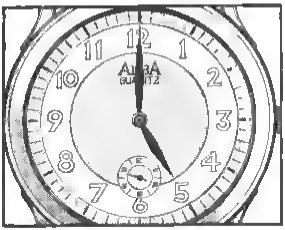
HEY TAKECHI! ♡
UHH.
READY!
SET!
GO!
.....
HA HA
I WON! I WON!
LIKE Y'KNOW...
THAT'S WHAT I SAID!
CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
ISN'T THAT COOL?
OH, TAKECHI! ♡
What's the hold up? Get BACK here, Katsuaki!



THANK YOU FOR COMING!
KA-CHING

YO!
DID YA MISS ME?
RESTROOMS
YOU TOOK FOREVER! WHAT WERE YOU DOING!?
TAKING A DUMP WHAT'D YOU EXPECT?
YOU TWO SEEM TO BE GETTING ALONG
SOMEONE WHO DIDN'T KNOW YOU WOULD SAY YOU WERE IN LOVE
WHAT!?
HEH HEH
OH, QUIT IT!
YOU'RE ALWAYS SO JEALOUS!
Jonathan's
NEXT DINNER'S ON ME TOO TAKECHI!

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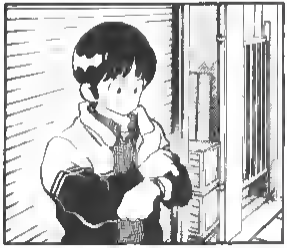

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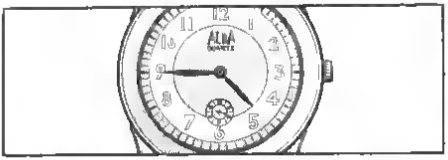
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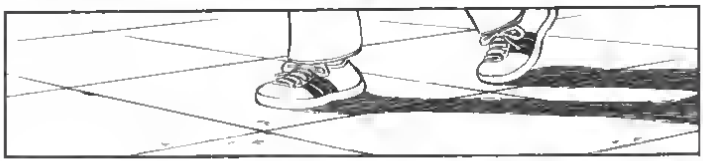
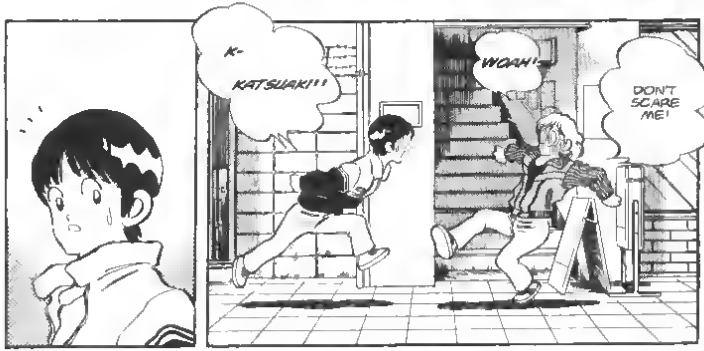
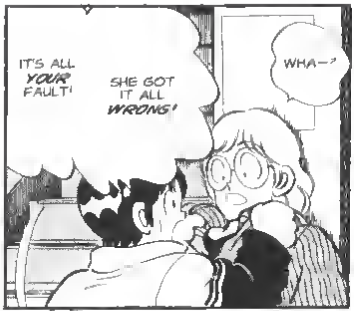
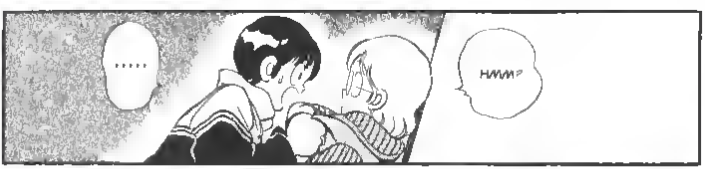



K-
KATSUAKI!!
WOAH!
DON'T SCARE ME!


IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!
SHE GOT IT ALL WRONG!
WHA—?

EVERYDAY WE'D MEET AT THE INTER SECTION AT THE SAME TIME
BUT SINCE THAT TIME AT THE RESTAURANT SHE HASN'T SHOWN UP!
WHY'D YOU HAVE TO TAKE SO LONG FOR A LOUSY SQUAT!?
DAMMIT!

YOU LEFT ME ALONE WITH YOUR GIRLFRIEND!
SHE SAW US!
SHE MUSTVE THOUGHT WE WERE A COUPLE!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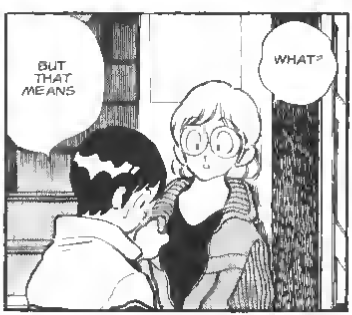
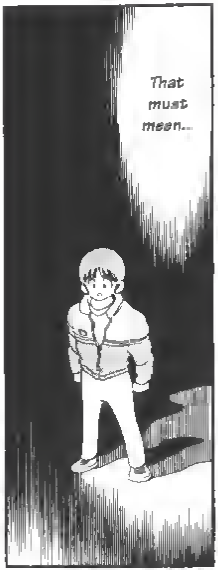
HMM?

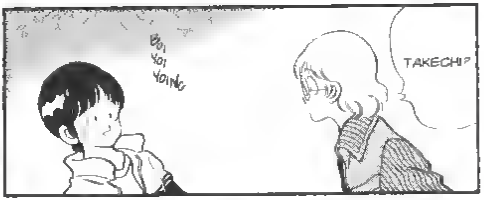
HOLD ON..


BUT THAT MEANS
WHAT?

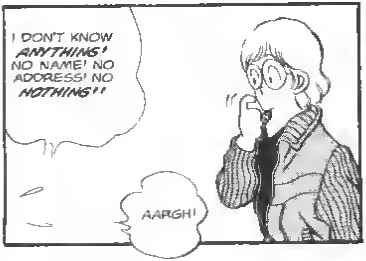
NO KIDDING


That must mean...

That she came to the intersection every day at the same time to meet ME


BOI YOI YOING
TAKECHI?

ARRRGG!
THERE I GO AGAIN!


I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING! NO NAME! NO ADDRESS! NO NOTHING!!
AARGH!

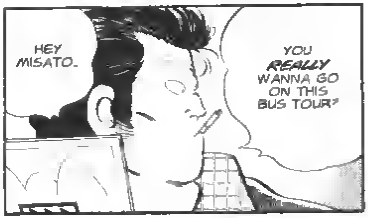
KATSUAKI
UHK
GIMME MY MONEY BACK!
YOU WERE PAID YESTERDAY RIGHT?
YOUR MOM TOLD ME
HERE YA GO
OKAY?
YEAH
IKATSU HOT SPRINGS
IKATSU HOT SPRINGS TWO DAY BUS TOUR?
SEE?
EXACTLY ¥15,000 PER PERSON
WE'RE EVEN
WHA—
I WON'T LET YOU GO ALONE!
SEE, I GOT ONE TOO
SEE?
I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY SO I EVEN BORROWED FROM MY PARENTS!
AHEM
I DON'T WANNA GO TO ANY HOT SPRINGS!

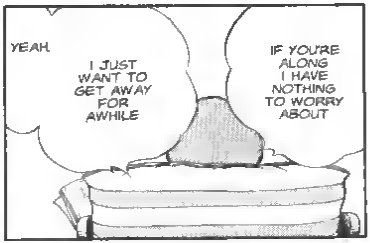
NEITHER DO I!
I COULDN'T SAY NO TO YAMANE THOUGH!
THAT'S NO REASON WHY YOU HAD TO BUY ONE FOR ME!
YOU'RE ONLY SAYING THAT BECAUSE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN HIM ASK A FAVOR!
SEE THAT?
PEEYOO PEEYOO
ME PROBABLY TRIED TO TURN YAMANE DOWN
YOU'RE KIDDING!
TELL ME WHERE HE WORKS!
I'LL CANCEL THE TRIP AND GET MY MONEY BACK!
I'D JUST FORGET THAT PLAN
IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD!
TELL ME!!

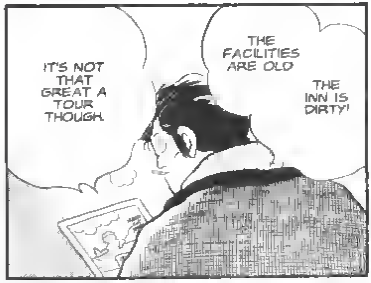
DEATH DOESN'T SCARE YOU?
NOPE
RIGHT NOW NOTHING COULD SCARE ME!
BRRING
chi-chik
YAMANE RESIDENCE
DO YOU GOT SOME BODY NAMED GINJIRO THERE?
YES.
JUST ONE MOMENT PLEASE
Give me a break!
YEAH?
E-- EXCUSE ME
WITH REGARD TO THIS TWO DAY IKATSU HOT SPRINGS BUS TOUR...
THE ONE THAT COSTS...
¥15,000?

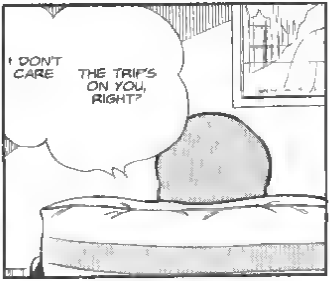
...
HELLO?
WHO THE HELL IS THIS?
M—
MY NAME IS HARUHIKO TAKECHI
Y—YOU—
YOU MUST KNOW KATSUAKI SUGIYAMA
HA HA
HE BOUGHT A TICKET FOR ME
NO
THAT'S NOT—
YER KATSU'S BUD HUH?
DON WORRY WE GOT YER TRIP ALL COVERED
L—LISTEN! WE GOTTA CLEAR THIS UP!
WHAT?

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE MEETING AT 9AM RIGHT?
YOU GOT IT
ALL CLEAR
KA-CHAK
TSK


HEY MISATO..
YOU REALLY WANNA GO ON THIS BUS TOUR?


YEAH.
I JUST WANT TO GET AWAY FOR AWHILE
IF YOU'RE ALONG I HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT


IT'S NOT THAT GREAT A TOUR THOUGH.
THE FACILITIES ARE OLD
THE INN IS DIRTY!


I DON'T CARE
THE TRIP'S ON YOU, RIGHT?

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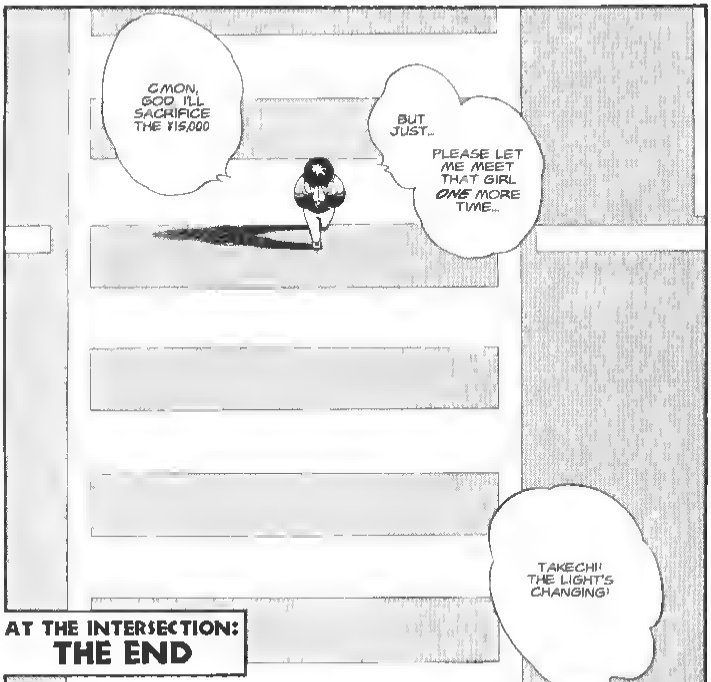
SUIT YOUR SELF
DON'T KNOW WHAT THE PROBLEM IS, BUT
THE LAST FEW DAYS YOU'VE BEEN PRETTY DOWN
A CHANGE OF SCENERY MIGHT DO YOU GOOD



AT THE INTERSECTION:
THE END

PROGRAM 7:

THE CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS

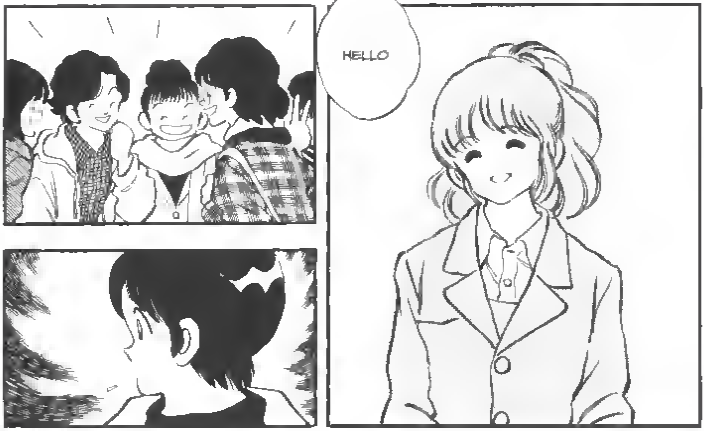
FUJICOLOR 94
94
FSSSHHH
FWIP
FWIP

KAZU HIKO
HEY
LONG TIME NO SEE
HOW'VE YOU BEEN?
THAT SWEATER'S WAY TOO GOOD FOR YOU!
LOOKS LIKE IT'S HAND KNIT
YOUR GIRL-FRIEND KNITTED IT?
WRONG! DON'T YOU REMEMBER? KAZUHIKO'S A MASTER KNITTER!
OH YEAH, I FORGOT
YOU WERE ALWAYS WEIRD
SPEAK FOR YOUR SELF
YOU FARTED JINGLE BELLS AT THE GRADUATION PARTY

SO...
WHAT'S THE TURNOUT SUPPOSED TO BE TODAY?
WOW...
YOU'D THINK THEY'D HAVE SOMETHING BETTER TO DO
MOST OF US I HEARD
THERE'S NOT MUCH TO DO ON NEW YEARS
賀正
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
1999年
CAN I BACK OUT?
DON'T TELL ME MR. ARASHI YAMA'S COMING!
DON'T SWEAT IT HE'S A TEACHER IN THE HOKKAIDO BACKWOODS NOW
WE'RE NOT BEING VERY NICE
SHLISH
THAT'S ALL RIGHT
BRR
IT'S FREEZING
MIGHT EVEN SNOW

Yonathans
YO!
HEY!
1999
THE RECEPTION DESK IS OVER HERE
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS WEATHER
SAY, IS THAT YOU YAMAMOTO?
PLEASE REGISTER AND PAY YOUR CONTRI BUTION
WHAT HIGH SCHOOL DID YOU GET INTO?
SPACE RESERVED TODAY
KITAMACHI JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF '94
HOME-ROOM #3
AKASHI YOU GOTTA PAY
YOSHIMURA YOU STILL HAVE MY RECORDS
SACHIKO OVER HERE
HATTORI! WOW, HOW ARE YOU DOING?
AKASHI PAY UP!

HEY YOUR PARENTS OWN THAT LIQUOR STORE
YOU ROLLING IN DOUGH?
WE'RE NOT AS POPULAR AS THE REMEDIAL SCHOOL YOU'RE GOING TO
HE HE!!
WOW ASAKO.
IT'S BEEN SO LONG
DIDJA HEAR? DIDJA HEAR?
SEE KUDO'S OLDER BROTHER...
YOU'RE EVEN PRETTIER NOW
WHEN DID YOU GET BACK?
BLAH BLAH
BLAH BLAH
CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? FUNNIEST THING YOU EVER HEARD RIGHT!?
YO! YOUR PARENTS OWN THAT GROCERY!
DIDJA HEAR ABOUT KUDO'S OLDER BROTHER?


HELLO

HEY IS THAT YOU KAZUHIKO?
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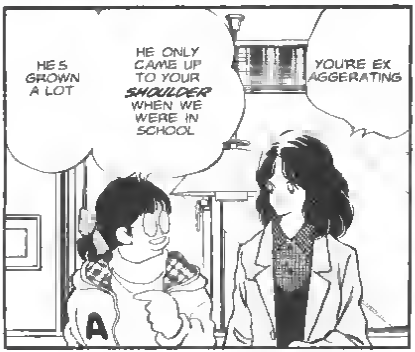

HE'S GROWN A LOT
HE ONLY CAME UP TO YOUR SHOULDER WHEN WE WERE IN SCHOOL
YOU'RE EXAGGERATING
A

MAYBE 2 1/4" SHORTER

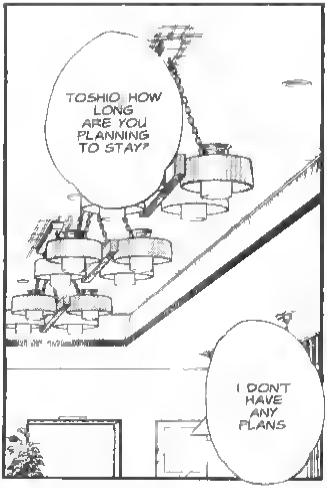
2 1/4"

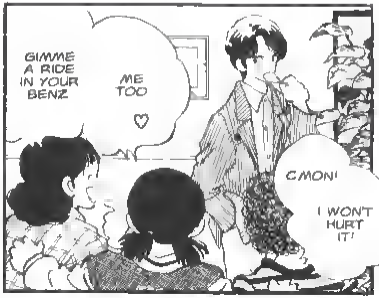
FWOOSH
HEY! HEY! LOOK AT THAT CAR!!
SKREECH
THAT CAN ONLY MEAN! IT'S THE SUPERSTAR OF OUR CLASS, MONSIEUR TOSHIO HIGASHI
Toshio
CHONK

STUDENT AT AN ELITE COLLEGE LIVES IN A CLASSY AOYAMA APARTMENT
RUGBY PLAYER. DRIVES A BENZ
SINCE JUNIOR HIGH THE GIRLS HAVE BEEN CRAZY FOR HIM, BUT HE CONSTANTLY PLAYED THE FIELD
YO

KAZUHIKO
CATCH!
SO THIS IS WHERE YOU LIVE
I ALWAYS WALK BY HERE BUT I NEVER REALIZED
ARE YOU A GOOD RUNNER?
HUH?
ROBBER!!

HOLD IT!
DON'T DROP 'EM
AND I'LL GIVE YOU HALF
HUH?
EVERY PERSIMMON I BUY AT THE STORE IS SOUR.
BUT STOLEN ONES ALWAYS TASTE GREAT!
GNWCH
HOW COME?
HMM
I WONDER WHY
DUNNO

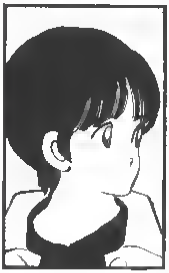

TOSHIO, HOW LONG ARE YOU PLANNING TO STAY?
I DON'T HAVE ANY PLANS


GIMME A RIDE IN YOUR BENZ
ME TOO
♡
C'MON!
I WON'T HURT IT!

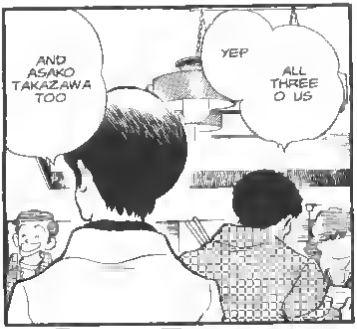
YEAH, SURE

HAVEN'T THOSE GIRLS LOOKED IN A MIRROR?
THEY DON'T HAVE THE LOOKS TO RIDE IN A BENZ!
ABSOLUTELY NOT

YAMASHITA.
YOU WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL WITH TOSHIO, RIGHT?
YEP



KAZUHIKO SAT!
YOU PAID ¥5000 TO GET IN, RIGHT?


AND ASAKO TAKAZAWA TOO
YEP ALL THREE O US

WEREN'T THOSE TWO... GOING OUT?

LOTS OF PEOPLE THOUGHT SO
MNCHA MNCHA

SHE HAD *QUITE* A FOLLOWING IN HIGH SCHOOL
BUT EVERYONE THOUGHT SHE WAS TOSHIO'S PROPERTY, SO NO ONE ASKED HER OUT

KAZU HIKO

WE'RE GONNA GO GRAB SOME OKONOMIYAKI YOU *HAVE* TO COME
HOMEROOM #3

HUH?
BUT WHY?
I'M NOT HUNGRY
SHE SAYS SHE DOESN'T WANT ANYONE TO GET THE WRONG IMPRESSION

I NEVER SAID THAT
IT'S MORE FUN WITH THREE
C'MON LET'S GO
TOSHIO'S TREAT
DAMN
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
...YOU TWO USED TO BE BUDDIES IN JUNIOR HIGH, RIGHT?
BUT YOU HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER SINCE HUH?
YEAH.
DIFFERENT HIGH SCHOOLS.
THOSE THINGS HAPPEN
"Yonabian's
in 24

賀正
WHAT'RE YOU DRINKING?
OH ..JUST COLA
TSK
STILL A KID
THOUGH YOU DID GET TALLER
I'M TWO YEARS BEHIND EVERYONE ELSE IN HEIGHT
HUH?
YEAH.
IN HIGH SCHOOL I FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH EVERY BODY
HOW IRRITATING

HEY YOSHIDA
MITSU HASHI
I HEARD IT ALL!
YOU TWO ARE AN ITEM
YOU'RE MEANT FOR EACH OTHER
INVITE ME TO YOUR WEDDING ALL RIGHT?
WE'RE NOT QUITE... ...AT THAT STAGE
OH YEAH.
MITSUHASHI REMEMBER ALL THOSE LOVE LETTERS FROM JUNIOR HIGH.
SORRY I NEVER WROTE BACK.
C'MON! ACT LIKE AN ADULT!
DRINK SOME BEER.

YOU'RE NOT THAT MUCH OF AN ADULT YOURSELF
HUH?
FIVE YEARS AGO...
KITAMACHI
YOU WERE AMAZING
KITAMACHI
YOU REALLY MAD SOME THING

EVEN THOUGH YOU DIDN'T HAVE A SCHOOL TO BRAG ABOUT OR A FOREIGN CAR
75K
SHE'S SO FULL OF HER SELF
SHE WAS THE BIGGEST WASTE OF TIME
A PRETTY FACE NOTHING ELSE
WHAT A DISAPPOINT MENT
WELL...
THERE'RE PLENTY LIKE HER IN TOKYO

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
WHAT GIRL TODAY CARRIES ON LIKE THAT JUST BECAUSE OF A KISS!
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU KNOW?
AND THAT 7PM CURFEW! DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
GLUP GLUP
YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH.
I DIDN'T KNOW
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE THIS BAD AT HOLDING YOUR LIQUOR
SHE'S A "PURE BRED" WHAT A PRINCESS!
PHEW
YOU WANNA KNOW WHAT KIND OF NICE FAMILY SHE COMES FROM?

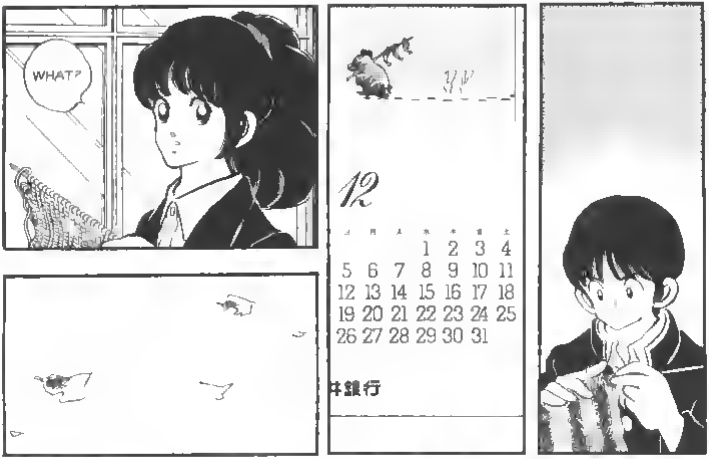
THE TRUE STORY BEHIND THIS 7PM-CURFEW NICE GIRL—
LISTEN!
TOSHIO
PURE BRED MY ASS!
GIVE ME A BREAK.
HER MOTHER'S REALLY
A SLUT
SHE WON'T GIVE ME THE DETAILS.
MY FATHER'S SUPPOSED TO BE A FAMOUS MEMBER OF THE DIET
BUT HE'S DEAD AS FAR AS WE'RE CONCERNED

W WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS?
I NEEDED TO TELL SOME-ONE
IT ISN'T HEALTHY TO KEEP THINGS INSIDE
I HAD TO GET THIS WEIGHT OFF MY BACK.
AH
I FEEL MUCH BETTER.
GIRLS TALK SO MUCH.
BUT I FELT LIKE YOU WERE SOMEONE I COULD TRUST
KACHANCH

FINE!
I'LL TAKE YOU ON
BUT YOU'RE GONNA *REGRET* IT!
YOU THINK YOU CAN *ACTUALLY* BEAT ME!?
WELL !?

JUST TRY PICKING ON KAZUHIKO AGAIN
I WON'T GO SO EASY ON YOU NEXT TIME
CALM DOWN TOSHIO!
LEMME GO!
I'M GONNA KICK HIS ASS!
HE'S DRUNK.
LET'S GO OUTSIDE AND GET SOME FRESH AIR.
C'MON
C'MON

HEY!
LOOK
OVER THERE
IT'S SNOWING
IT'S SO COLD I KNEW IT WOULD SNOW
時間
営業
SEE?
DIDN'T I TELL YOU?
OH NO!
THAT'S ALL YOU'VE DONE?
I'VE NEVER KNITTED BEFORE
YEAH BUT...
YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS


WHAT?
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1 2 3 4
5 6 7 8 9 10 11
12 13 14 15 16 17 18
19 20 21 22 23 24 25
26 27 28 29 30 31
銀行

THERE

WE FINISHED IT IN TIME
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO MEET TOSHIO AT 5PM, RIGHT?
HUH?
DON'T WORRY I CAN KEEP A SECRET
TOSHIO'LL NEVER LEARN THAT I HELPED

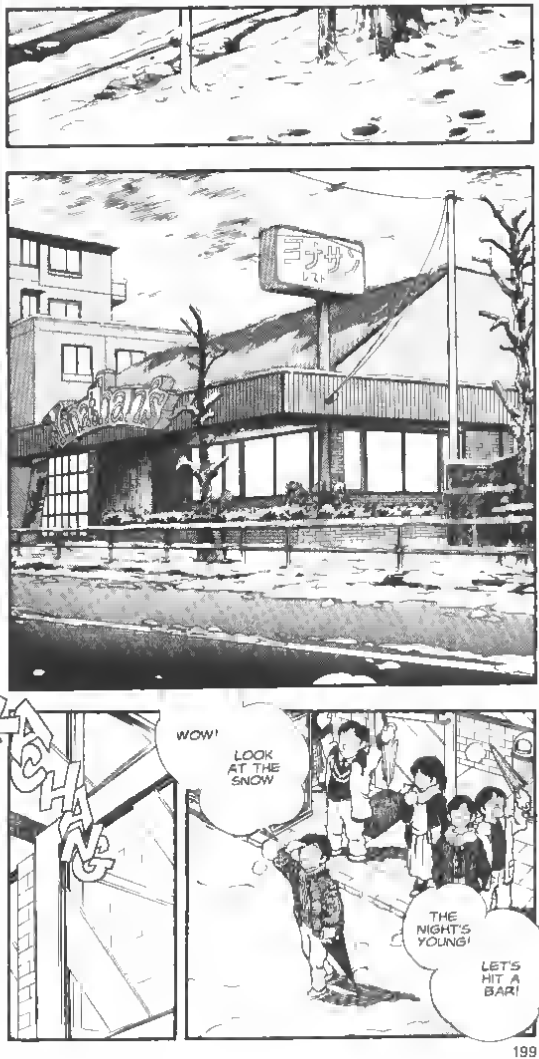
IT'S SO WARM
HEY!
IT'S SNOWING
THANK YOU
I'LL ALWAYS TREASURE IT
YOU MEAN WE'LL ALWAYS TREASURE IT RIGHT?
SNOW COMES DOWN...
BUT YOU NEVER COME BACK...
KACHUNG
SNOW COMES DOWN...

IT'S TOSHIO
POUR ME
A COLA

WE NEVER SAW EACH OTHER DURING HIGH SCHOOL
EVER WONDER WHY?
WELL WE ENDED UP IN DIFFERENT SCHOOLS
AND WE WEREN'T EXACTLY NEIGHBORS
I WAS AVOIDING YOU
IT'S A SMALL TOWN WE'D HAVE BUMPED INTO EACH OTHER
I DIDN'T WANT TO FACE YOU
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE...
I'VE EVER ENVIED
ENVY?
YOU?
ME?

YOU ARE SO THICK.
THERE'S ONLY ONE REASON WHY I'D ENVY YOU
YOU HAVEN'T GROWN UP AT ALL.
ALWAYS A KID
OUCH.
YOU ALL RIGHT?
TSK.
IT'S ONLY BECAUSE I WAS DRUNK.
OTHERWISE YOU'D NEVER HAVE SUCKER PUNCHED ME
BUT...
YOU'RE A RUGBY PLAYER AFTER ALL
YEAH.
WITH GIRLS HANGING ALL OVER ME

THE ONLY PERSON I EVER FELL FOR..
..WAS ASAKO
BUT A HISTORY LESSON WOULD TAKE MORE TIME THAN WE GOT
TOSHIO
IN ANY CASE..
..I'LL TRY NOT TO PROVOKE YOU AT THE NEXT REUNION


WOW!
LOOK AT THE SNOW
THE NIGHT'S YOUNG!
LET'S HIT A BAR!
YAEHANG

KAZUHIKO AREN'T YOU COMING TO THE BAR WITH US?
SORRY
I'VE GOT THINGS TO DO
REALLY
THEN I GUESS...
I'LL SEE YOU
SURE

Thank you
I'll always treasure it
There's only ONE reason why I'd envy you
FUNCH

CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS

SO...
WHAT'LL YOU KNIT ME NEXT?
A CARDIGAN IT'S ALMOST OUR ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY
OH STOP! YOU SHOULDN'T.
HM?
OH
NOTHING
DON'T STOP
DON'T STOP
IT'S NOTHING
COFFEE
FUJICOLOR HR 99

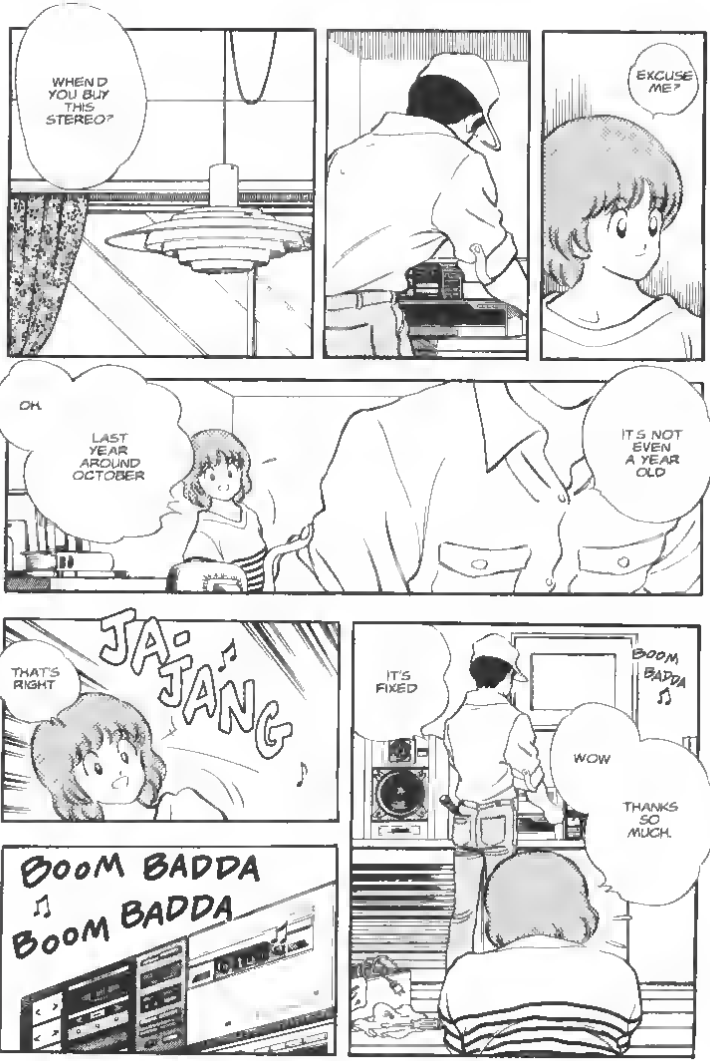
PROGRAM 8:
PLUS 1

ON MY WAY BACK HOME FROM SHOPPING!
TMP
AND WITH ONE... EXTRA PAGE..
WE START THE STORY

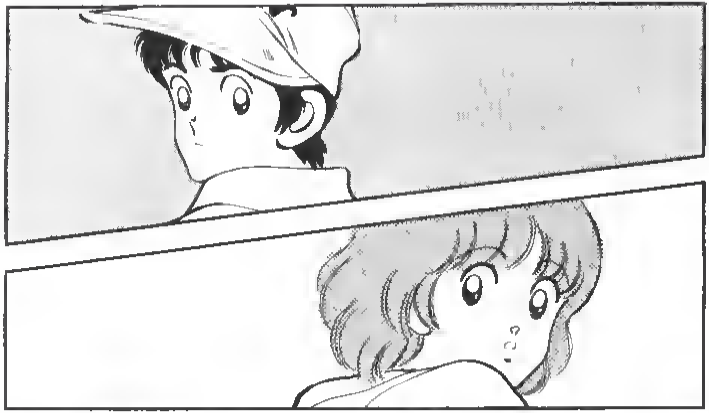
I'M BACK
ICHINOSE
CHISATO
GOOD WORK!
HUMPH
HERE'S YOUR CHANGE
THANKS
THAT WAS HEAVY
OH, BY THE WAY
THE REPAIR MAN FINALLY CAME

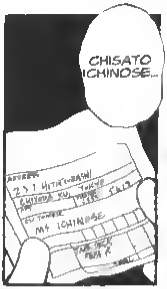
HELLO
I HOPE IT'S FIXABLE

WHEN I TURN IT ON, IT MAKES A WHIRRING NOISE...
IT JUST WON'T STOP
IT'S BEEN THAT WAY FOR ABOUT A MONTH.
KRICHA KRICHA
CAN YOU FIX IT?
HUH?
Victor
THAT'S WHAT I'M HERE FOR, RIGHT?
RIGHT
KRITCH KRITCH
...

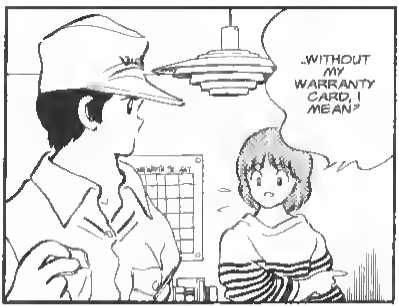

WHEN'D YOU BUY THIS STEREO?
EXCUSE ME?
OH.
LAST YEAR AROUND OCTOBER
IT'S NOT EVEN A YEAR OLD
THAT'S RIGHT
JA-JANG
IT'S FIXED
BOOM BADDA
WOW
THANKS SO MUCH.
BOOM BADDA
BOOM BADDA

YOUR WARRANTY
AH?
OH RIGHT
MY WARRANTY CARD
LET'S SEE
IT WAS—
HERE?
I WONDER WHERE—
GIMME A BREAK
I GOT MY NEXT APPOINT MENT TO GET TO
JA-JA-JA-NG
I'M SORRY
UMM




CHISATO ICHINOSE...

UM
HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST...


...WITHOUT MY WARRANTY CARD, I MEAN?

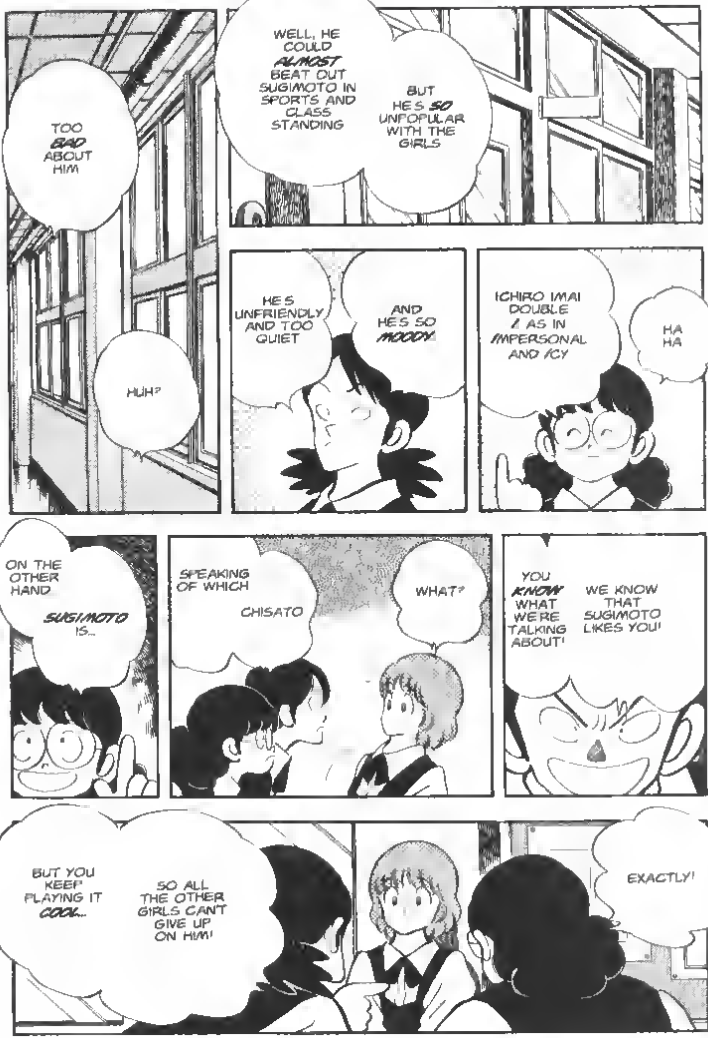
WE'RE CLASSMATES SO YOU GET IT FOR FREE THIS TIME

B-
BUT I CAN'T—
ICHIRO!
I'M DONE
OH
THANK YOU SO MUCH.
LATER.
!
SIGH

OH
YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE ME

MY FAIR CHISATO!
YOU DIDN'T COME TO MY CONCERT LAST NIGHT
I'M SORRY
I HAD SOME ERRANDS AT HOME
THAT'S TOO BAD
YOU WERE THE ONLY GIRL I WANTED TO SEE THERE
OH PLEASE SUGIMOTO
I MEAN IT
I'LL BRING A TAPE OVER SO YOU CAN CHECK IT OUT
I'VE GOT A PRETTY GOOD BAND
SUGI MOTO—
♡
HI THERE

ICHIRO...
THANK YOU FOR YESTER DAY
YOU COULD CLEAN YOUR TAPE DECK OCCASION ALLY
POOR MACHINE
MORNING, CHISATO!
OH. MORNING
HM?
WAS THAT IMAI?
HM?
UH HUH.

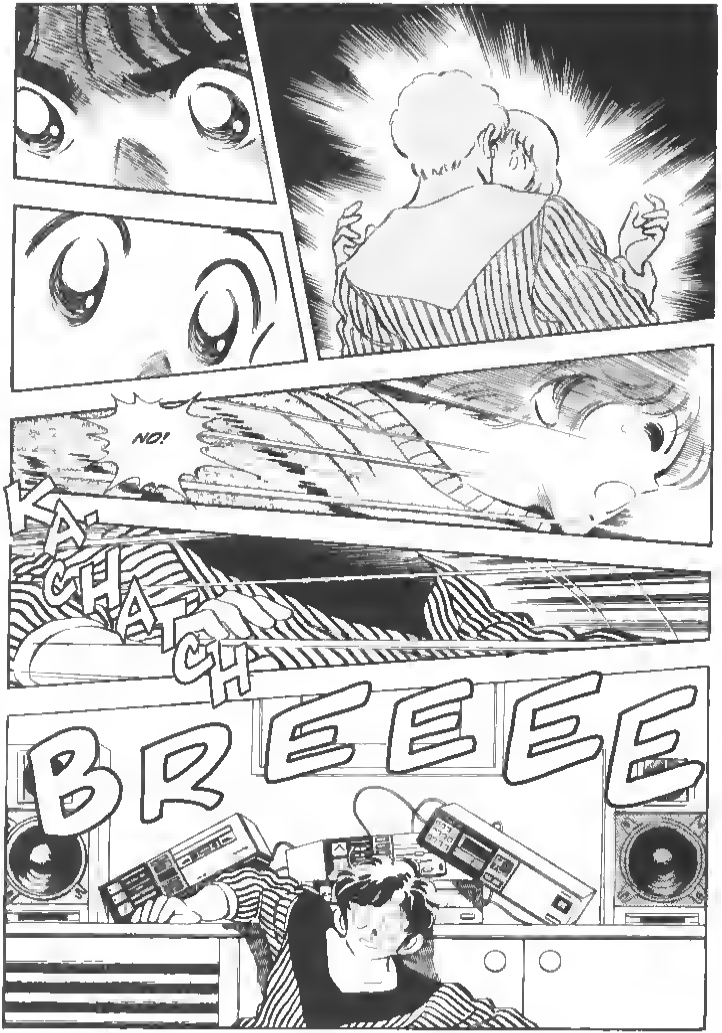

TOO BAD ABOUT HIM
HUH?
WELL, HE COULD ALMOST BEAT OUT SUGIMOTO IN SPORTS AND CLASS STANDING
BUT HE'S SO UNPOPULAR WITH THE GIRLS
HE'S UNFRIENDLY AND TOO QUIET
AND HE'S SO MOODY.
ICHIRO IMAI DOUBLE I AS IN IMPERSONAL AND ICY
HA HA
ON THE OTHER HAND
SUGIMOTO IS...
SPEAKING OF WHICH
CHISATO
WHAT?
YOU KNOW WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT!
WE KNOW THAT SUGIMOTO LIKES YOU!
BUT YOU KEEP PLAYING IT COOL...
SO ALL THE OTHER GIRLS CAN'T GIVE UP ON HIM!
EXACTLY!

BRRRING
OH NO!
WE'LL BE LATE!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY THAT EASILY!
COME BACK HERE!
VERY IMPRESSIVE
IT'S SQUEAKY CLEAN
HA HA
SKEEKA
SKEEKA

Impersonal and icy...
CHISATO... YOU HAVE A VISITOR.
OKAY!
SUGIMOTO?

HERE'S THE TAPE I PROMISED FROM MY LAST CONCERT
THEN I'LL IMPOSE FOR A MOMENT
WAIT A SEC—
WHERE'S YOUR STEREO?
HUH? UP IN MY ROOM...
JA-JAAANNG
SEE RIGHT HERE! THAT'S MY GUITAR SOLO!
JAANNG
CHAKA
BOOM
BOOM BADDA
UHH— YEAH.
CHAKA
DON'TCHA THINK IT'S A BIT LOUD?
YOU CAN'T GET THE NUANCE UNLESS IT'S AT THIS VOLUME

JA-JAANNG JAANGG
BOOM BADDA
CHAKA CHAKA
SORRY BUT I REALLY DON'T WANT TO UPSET THE NEIGHBORS
THE WALLS ARE PRETTY THIN
CHISATO
LET'S BE HONEST WITH EACH OTHER


NO!
KA-CHA-TCH
BREEEE

CHISATO! CHISATO!
WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT'S GOING ON!?
TMP TMP TMP
EVERYTHING'S FINE, MOM.
THE STEREO WENT ON THE BLINK
IS THAT ALL?
DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!
...
TMP TMP
CHISATO...
KLIK
BREEE

OKAY! I GET IT
DON'T WORRY
I'LL GET ICHIRO TO REPAIR IT
IF I ASK HIM HE'LL FIX IT FOR FREE
I'LL JUST BE ON MY WAY NOW
BYE
CHUD
CHIRP CHIRP

HEY ICHIRO

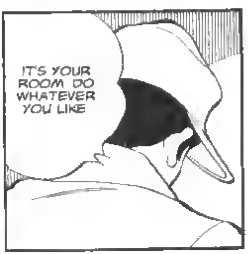
CHISATO ICHINOSE'S STEREO IS BUSTED
FIX IT FOR HER, HUH?
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE TOO BUSY!
SINCE I OWE YOU MONEY
..! GUESS I HAVE TO
WHAT DID I TELL YOU?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO KEEP AN EYE ON ME
I DON'T MAKE A HABIT OF SNOOPING IN OTHER PEOPLE'S ROOMS.

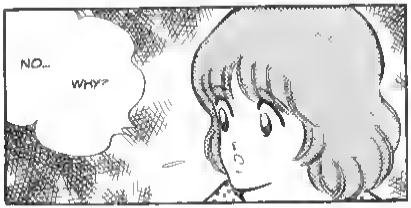
TH-
THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS-

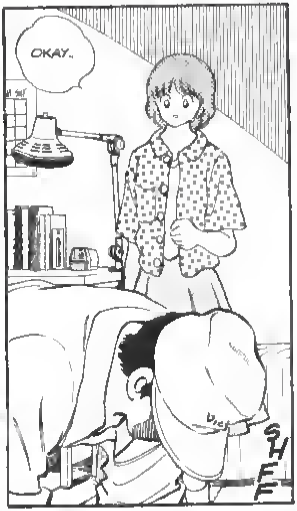
I'LL GO DOWNSTAIRS IF I'M DISTRACTING YOU.
YOU AREN'T IN THE WAY!

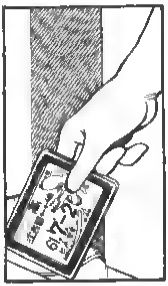
HM?


IT'S YOUR ROOM DO WHATEVER YOU LIKE

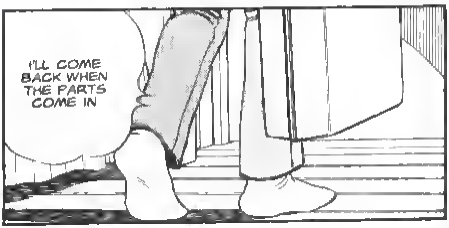
WHAT'D YOU DO TO IT?
IT—
IT GOT KNOCKED OVER BY MISTAKE..
WELL..
..I NEED SOME REPLACEMENT PARTS.
OKAY
IT'LL TAKE AWHILE TO REPAIR THIS, OKAY?
UH HUH.
DOES SUGIMOTO...
Victor
HUH?
..COME HERE OFTEN?


NO...
WHY?


OKAY..
SHE



THEN I'LL DO IT
GIVE HIM BACK HIS ID CARD


I'LL COME BACK WHEN THE PARTS COME IN

BUT...

KA-CHA-K

YOU LOST THIS
WOW... THANKS.
WHERE'D YOU FIND IT?
THE GIRLS REST-ROOM.
THE GIRLS REST ROOM?
BY THE WAY
DID YOU FIX ICHINOSE'S STEREO?
YES... ALMOST THERE

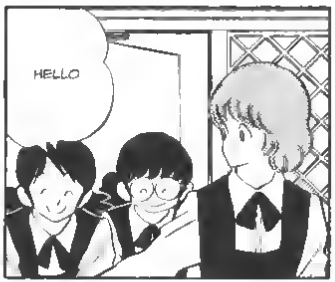
THAT'S GOOD
OTHER WISE I'D HAVE TO TAKE THE BLAME
YEAH.
THAT NEVER HAPPENS TO ME
THE BLAME?
I WAS IN HER ROOM AND I WENT IN FOR THE KISS_
_AND SHE ACTUALLY RESISTED
A RARE SPECIES
I DON'T MEAN TO BRAG OR ANY THING
_BUT THAT'S THE FIRST TIME A GIRL'S REJECTED ME
DAMN!
ONE RECORD SHOT TO HELL

DON'T WORRY NEXT TIME I'LL GET HER.
ALL SHE NEEDS IS SOME SWEET TALK...
THAT STEREO SUFFERED A LOT OF DAMAGE
..FOR A LITTLE "RESIST ANCE."
WELL...
HOW MUCH DO I OWE YOU?
3,000 YEN
HERE
THAT'S OKAY
I'M NOT HURTING FOR IT

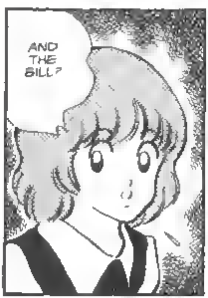
WOULDN'T WANT TO HOLD BACK JUST BECAUSE I OWE YOU
HMM?
KRAK
KOW
FA
SHOOM
I'LL BILL YOU FOR THE PARTS.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS

I'M HOME

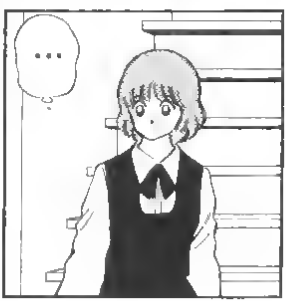
YOU BROUGHT YOUR FRIENDS OVER


HELLO

OH CHISATO
THE ELECTRICIAN JUST CAME BY AND REPAIRED YOUR STEREO
OH?


AND THE BILL?

HE DIDN'T MENTION IT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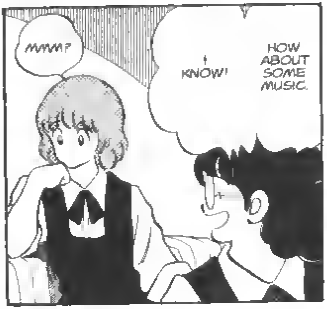
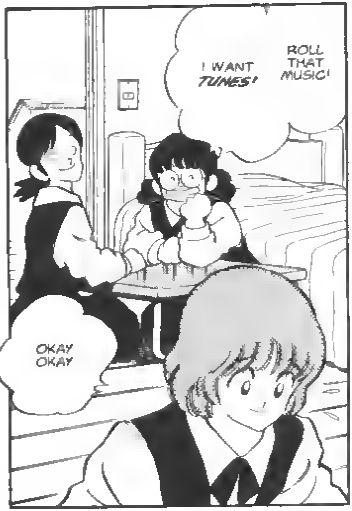
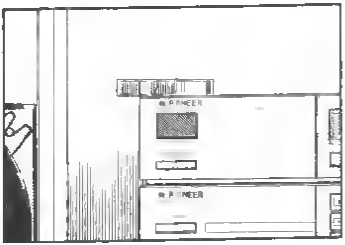
CHIRP
CHIRP

WHAT'S WRONG CHISATO? YOU LOOK A LITTLE DOWN


MMM?
I KNOW!
HOW ABOUT SOME MUSIC.


I WANT TUNES!
ROLL THAT MUSIC!
OKAY OKAY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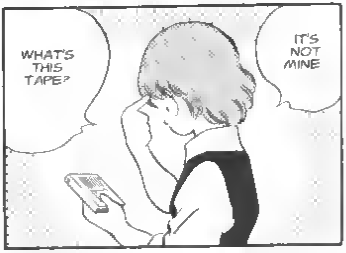
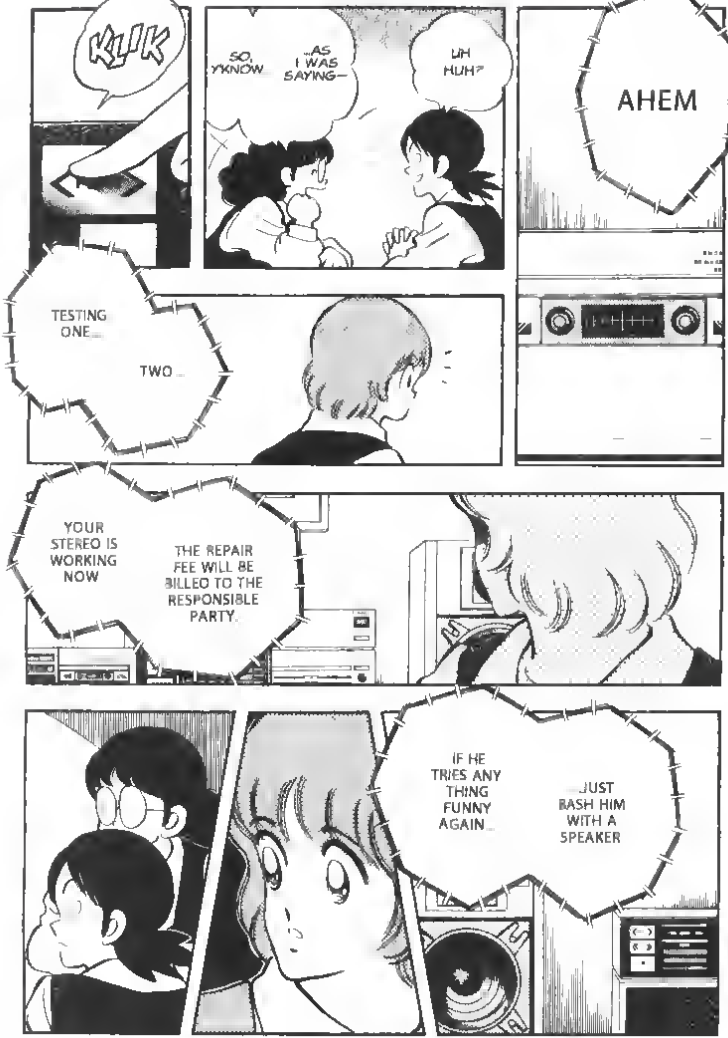
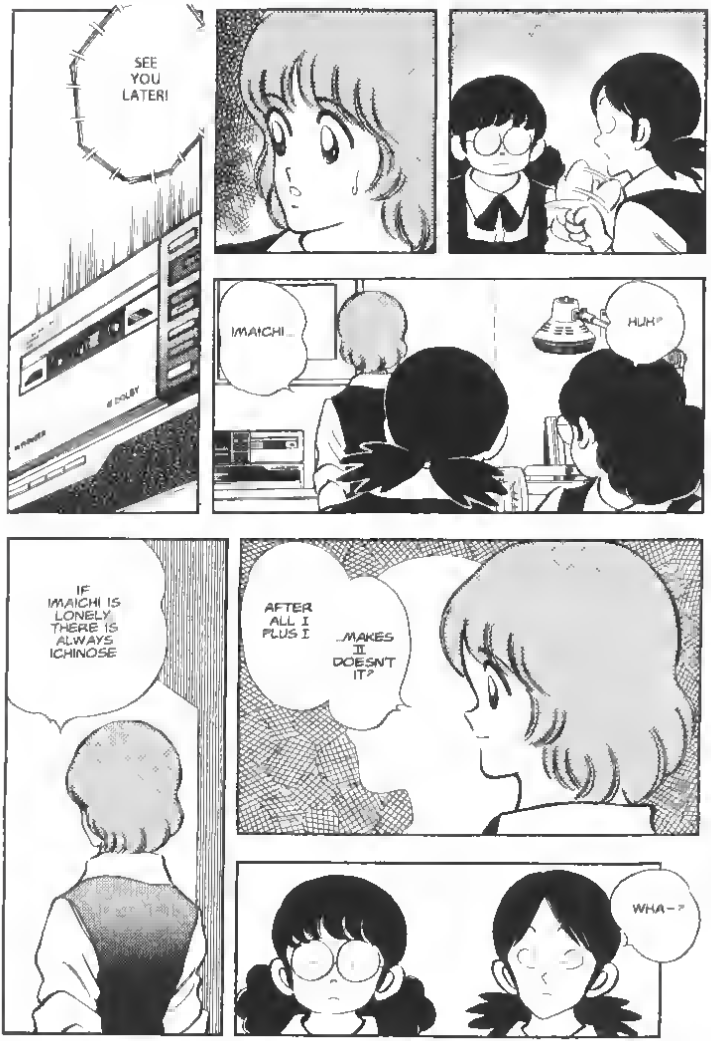
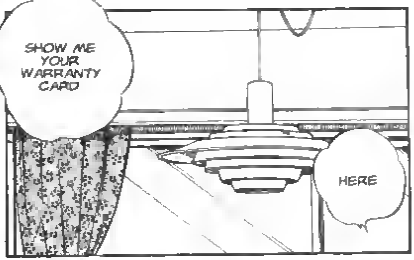
PIONEER

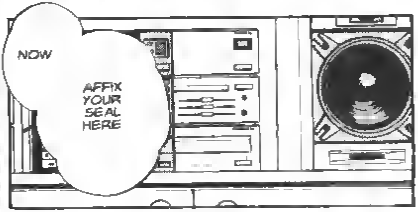

WHAT'S THIS TAPE?
IT'S NOT MINE

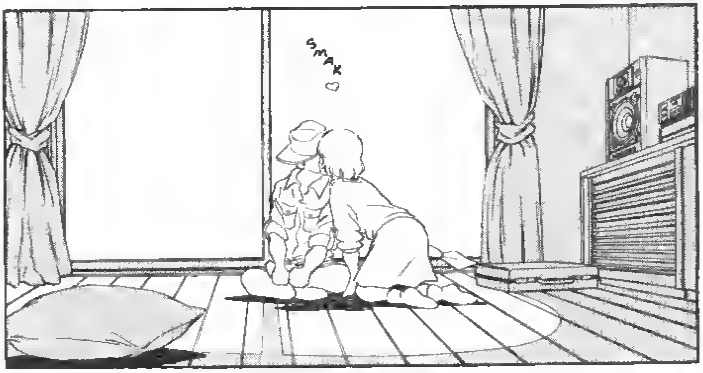

KYK
SO, YKNOW...
...AS I WAS SAYING—
UH HUH?
AHEM
TESTING ONE...
TWO...
YOUR STEREO IS WORKING NOW
THE REPAIR FEE WILL BE BILLED TO THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY.
IF HE TRIES ANY THING FUNNY AGAIN...
...JUST BASH HIM WITH A SPEAKER

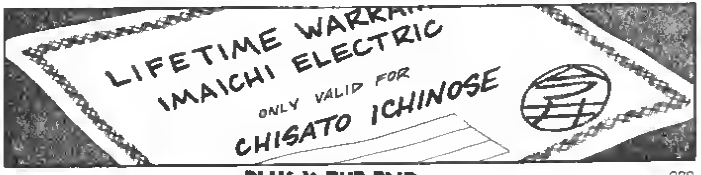
ALL RELATED REPAIRS WILL BE FREE
THAT VOICE SOUNDS FAMILIAR.
WHO IS THIS, CHISATO?
QUIET!
UMM
ALSO
THIS IS JUST A COINCIDENCE
BUT I HAVE A PICTURE ON MY DESK, TOO OF CHISATO ICHINOSE
NO, NO!
I WASN'T SNOOPING!
IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT FOR LEAVING IT OUT IN THE OPEN


SEE YOU LATER!
IMAICHI...
HUH?
IF IMAICHI IS LONELY THERE IS ALWAYS ICHINOSE
AFTER ALL I PLUS I ...MAKES II DOESN'T IT?
WHA-?









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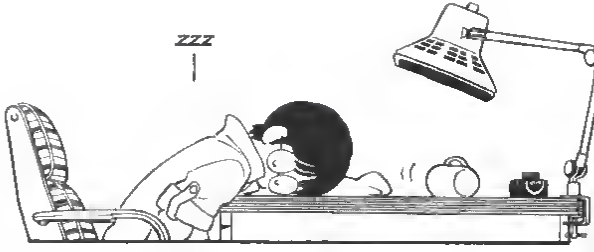
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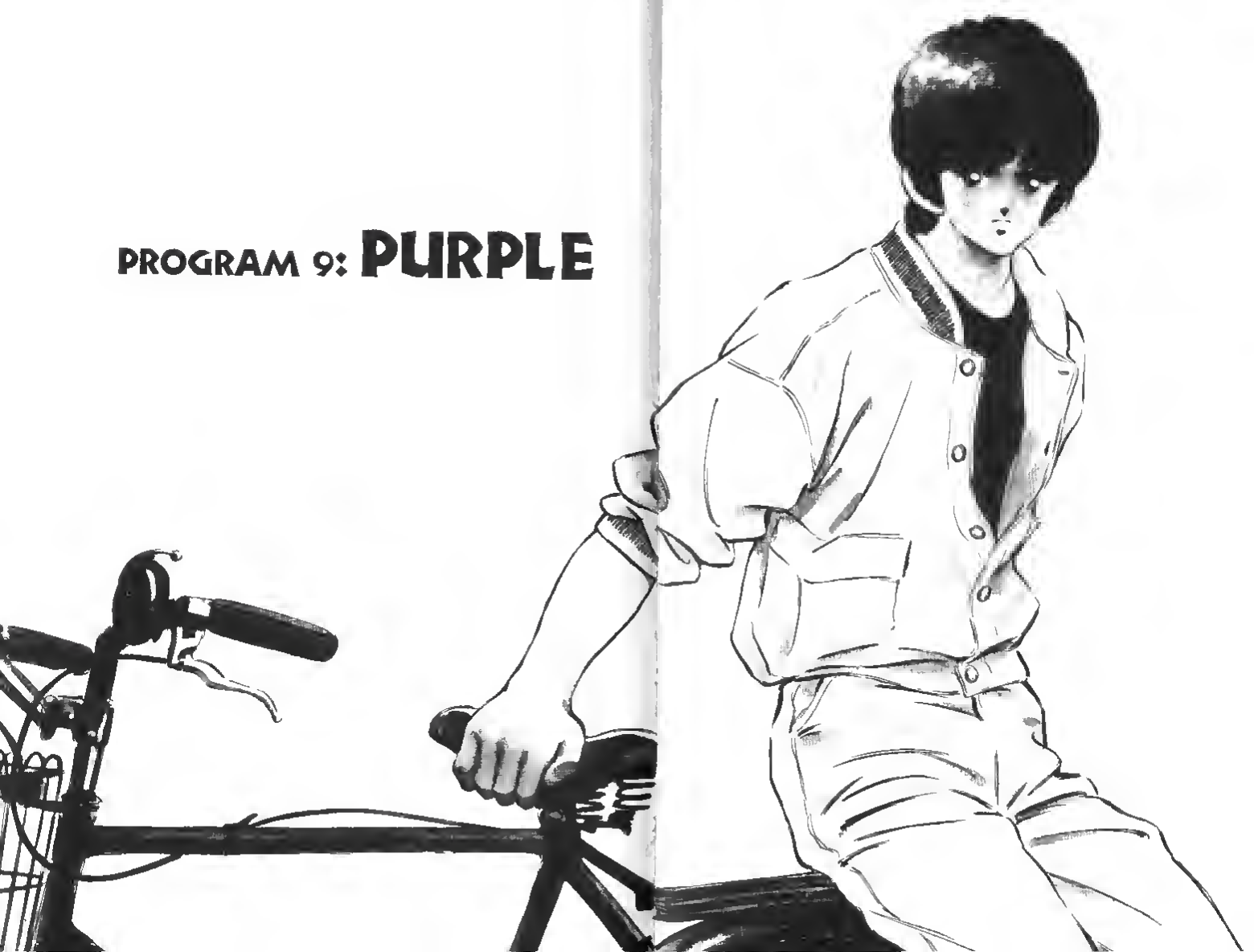
ARF
OOPS.
THIS IS A SHOJO COMIC YKNOW

PROGRAM 9: PURPLE



FAN SERVICE JUST FOR YOU!
ARF
TWEE TWEE

HEY.
WHERE'S THE MORNING EDITION?
HARUNA?
DID YOU BRING IT IN?
SURE DID
gargle gargle
GULP
Pak
SIXTY ONE!
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GET OUTTA THE WAY
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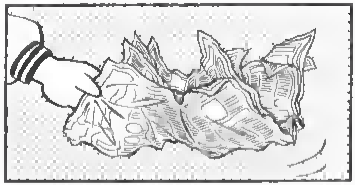

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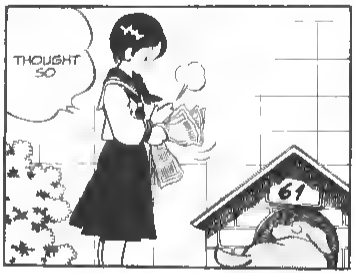
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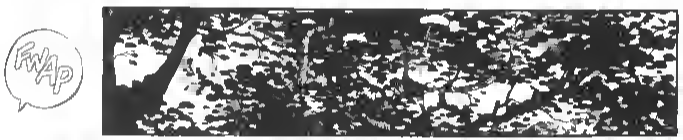

FWAP

MURASAKI

WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU
ERALS

GA
A
SH
THAT BASTARD!
THWOK
DON'T WORRY
I JUST WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER YOU'VE MADE YOUR DECISION...
WHAT DECISION?
TO JOIN UP WITH US.
Y CAN'T DO BETTER
NO THANKS.
I DON'T LIKE TO FIGHT WOMEN
IDIOT!
NOBODY'D EXPECT YOU TO FIGHT!

WITH YOU THERE, THE GIRLS WOULD BEG TO JOIN UP
THEY'RE ALL FIXATED ON YOU

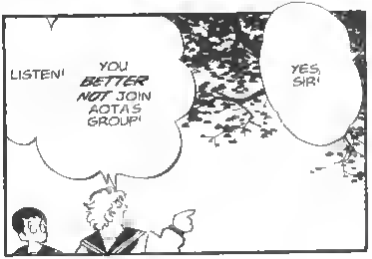
Y'KNOW, AOTA SAID THE SAME THING
WHAT!?

DON'T TELL ME YOU...

I'M NOT TOO FOND OF BEING A POLITICAL TOOL.
I WON'T TAKE SIDES.
I'LL STAY NEUTRAL.
YOU'RE BOTH TOO SCARY

DON'T WORRY
I SAID NO

...
LET'S GO, AKASHI


LISTEN!
YOU BETTER NOT JOIN AOTA'S GROUP!
YES, SIR!

THE MAN'S A LOSER. LET'S GO
THAT'S RIGHT
ANYONE ATTRACTED TO HIM WOULDN'T BE OF MUCH USE TO US ANYWAY
EXACTLY
THEY'RE JUST CELEBRITY HOUNDS
SCREAMING AFTER THE PRETTY FACE!
ANYBODY'S WHO'D LIKE HIM MUST BE AN AIR HEAD!
HUH?
OH.
I THINK I GET IT

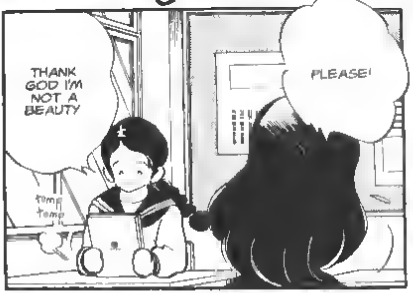
HELLO MADAM CLASS PRESIDENT
AREN'T WE LOOKING PRETTY TODAY
Spring
WAIT, AOTA LACE UP SHOES AREN'T ALLOWED IN SCHOOL

HM?
NCH
WOOSH
AIEE!
LACE UPS?
T-
THAT'S RIGHT
LET'S SEE!
I GUESS YOU AREN'T TOO LAZY EITHER HUH?
HEH HEH
AND THROW THAT GUM AWAY!!
OKAY
SMAK!
MAYBE I'LL START WEARING STRAWBERRY UNDERWEAR, TOO HUH, YAMADA?
HEH HEH
SOUNDS GOOD TO ME.

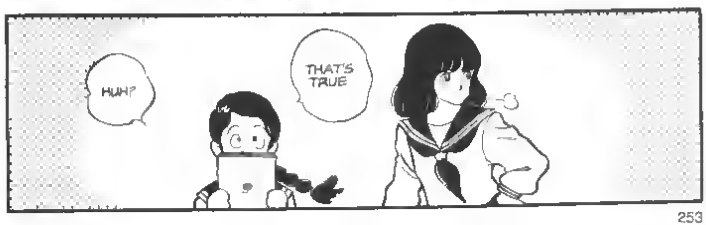
I'M FED UP!
THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR TOO LONG!
CHUD

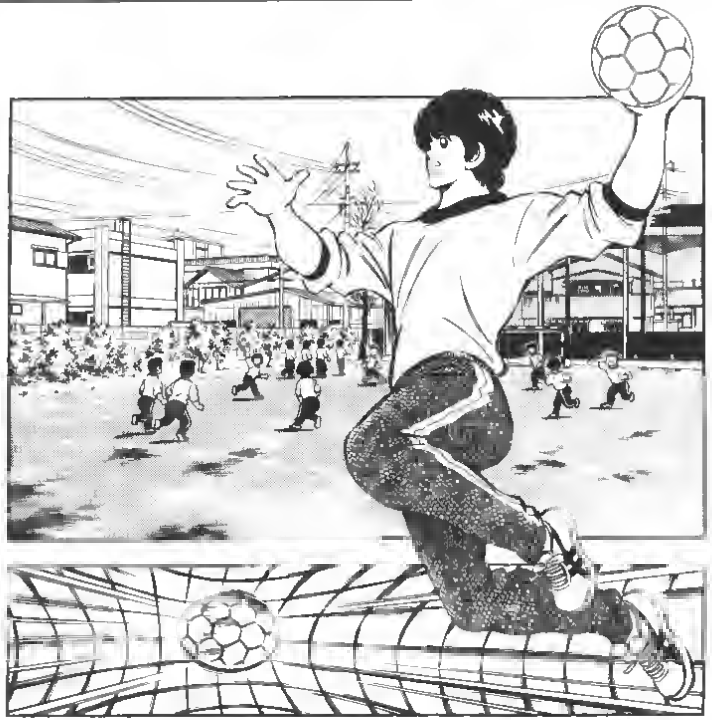
IF IT WEREN'T FOR THEM, WE COULD GET SOME STUDYING DONE!
Grr

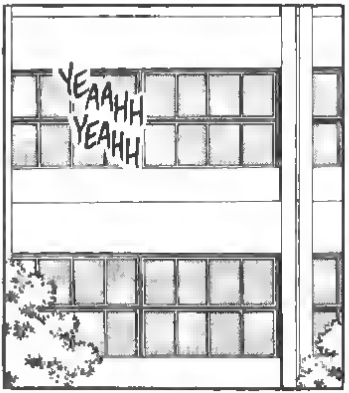
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE PRETTY
THEY IGNORE PEOPLE LIKE ME COMPLETELY

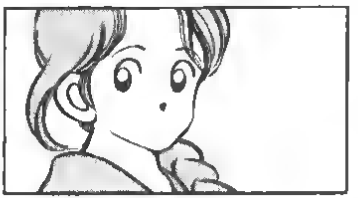

THANK GOD I'M NOT A BEAUTY
PLEASE!
tomp tomp

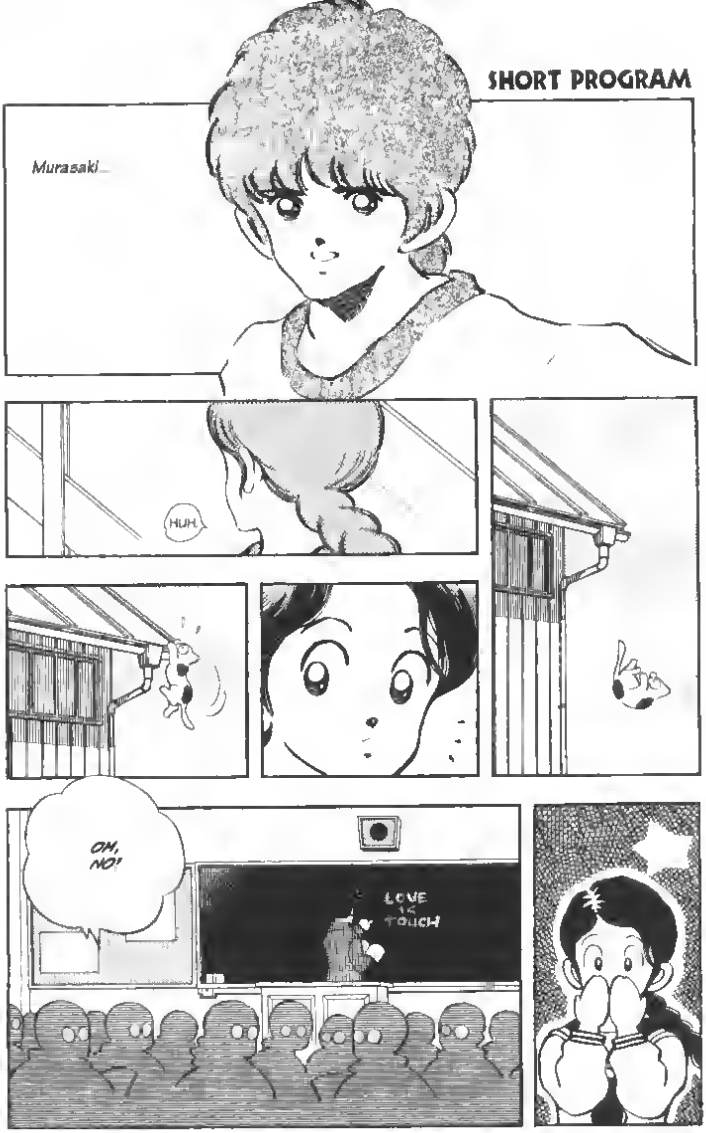
EITHER WAY, THEY'RE NOT TREATING US WITH RESPECT


HUH?
THAT'S TRUE

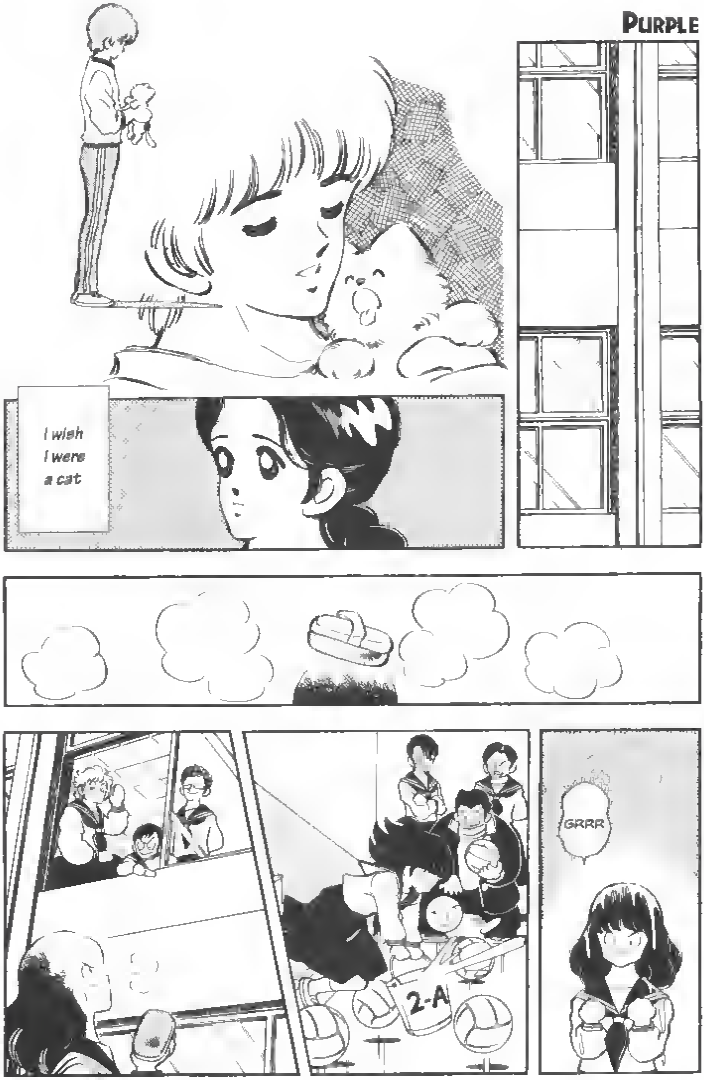


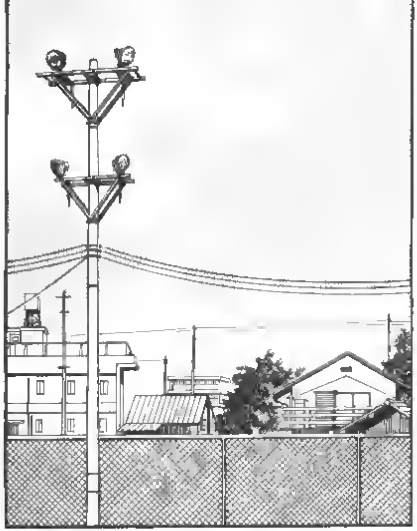

YEAAHH
YEAHH

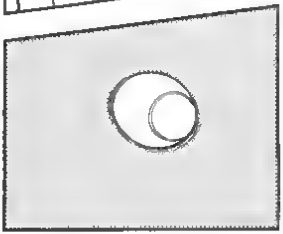


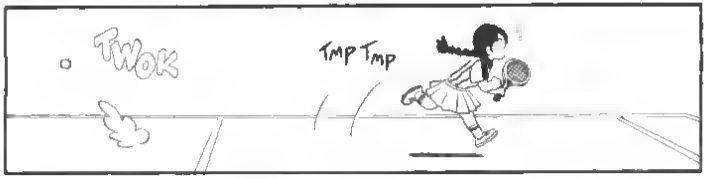

Murasaki...
HUH.
OH, NO!
LOVE IS TOUCH

WHAT'S WRONG KOMIYA?
DON'T WORRY
NO MATTER HOW THEY FALL CATS ALWAYS LAND ON THEIR FEET
NOW IF YOU WERE A CAT I'D BE WORRIED
HA HA HA
(HMPH!
UH..
A CAT JUST FELL OFF THE ROOF
You're just like ME, I guess
Hey
WHOOSH


I wish
I were
a cat
2-A
GRRR



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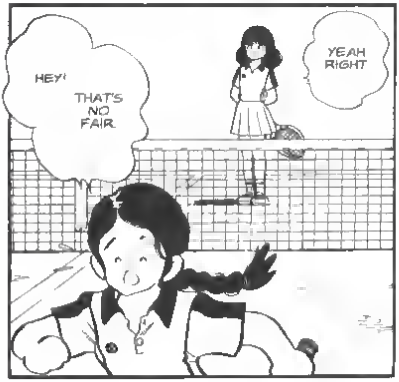
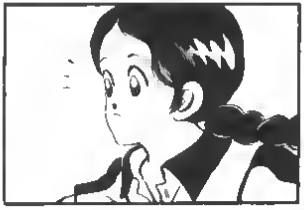
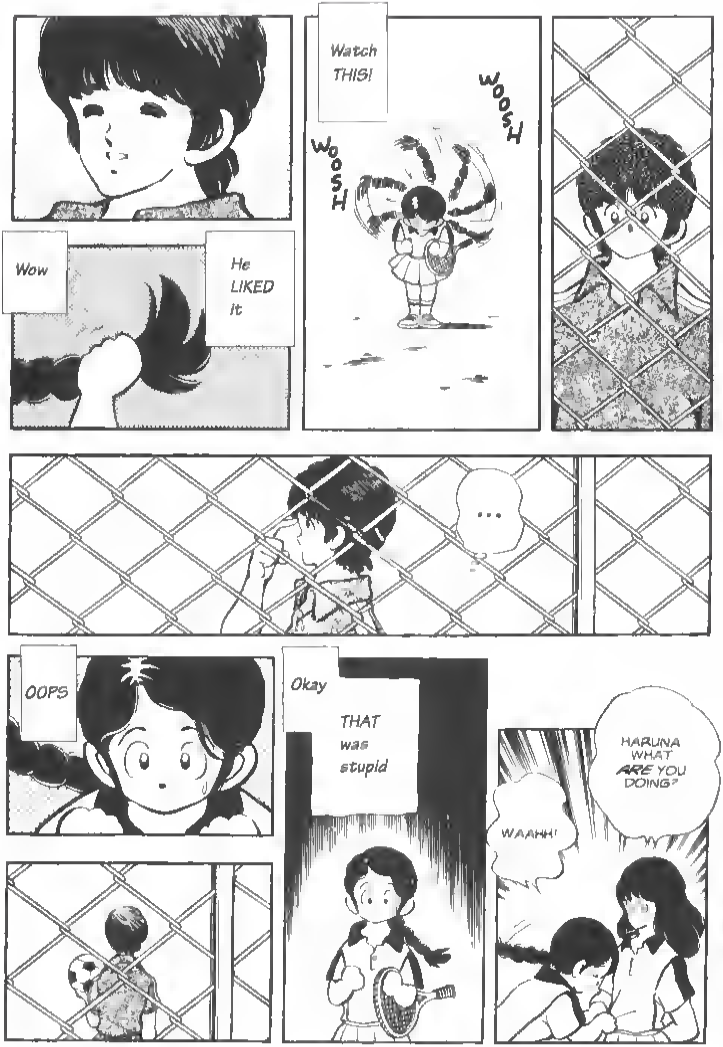
TMP TMP

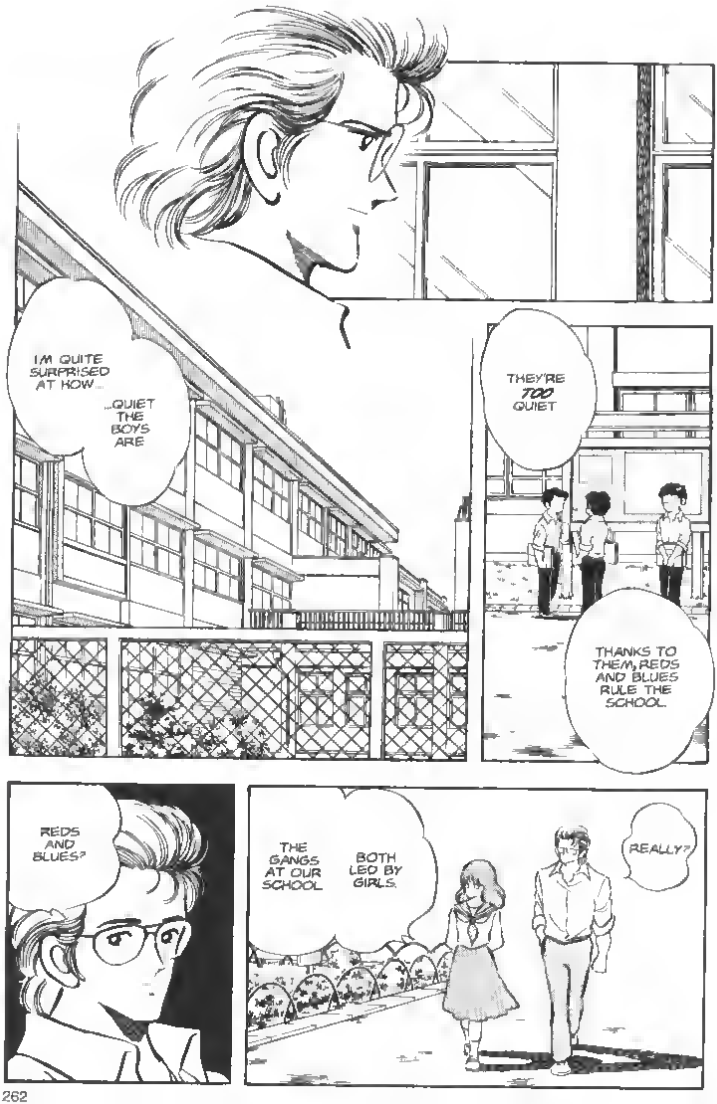

HEY!
THAT'S NO FAIR
YEAH RIGHT



YIKES!
FWISH
Our EYES met
Maybe I should wave at him...
Oh, m'god!
Wave my hair too


Watch THIS!
WOOSH
WOOSH
Wow
He LIKED it
...
OOPS
Okay
THAT was stupid
HARUNA WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WAAHH!

SHORT PROGRAM
It doesn't matter
2-A
It's my fate to die never having known love
LOOK AT- WHO IS- A NEW-
MICHIO MAIHARA
THE MITSURU ADACHI SINGLE FRAME MANGA SCHOOL
THE TRANSFER STUDENT IS A CLICHÉ ONE SHOULD NEVER USE IT!
KUDOS
PWNED

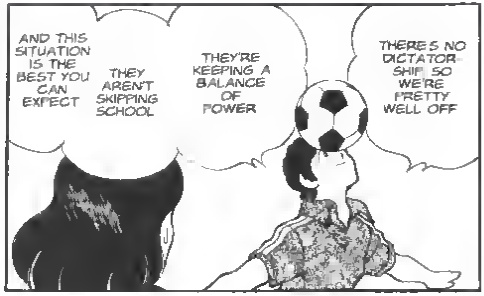

I'M QUITE SURPRISED AT HOW...
...QUIET THE BOYS ARE
THEY'RE TOO QUIET
THANKS TO THEM, REDS AND BLUES RULE THE SCHOOL.
REDS AND BLUES?
THE GANGS AT OUR SCHOOL
BOTH LED BY GIRLS.
REALLY?

THERE'S NOTHING WORSE THAN GIRL THUGS.
THEY'RE JEALOUS, ENVIOUS, QUICK-TO ANGER.
I'VE HAD ENOUGH!
SO I IMAGINE THEY VENT THEIR FRUSTRATIONS ON A SMART PRETTY GIRL?
...
CLOSE-UP

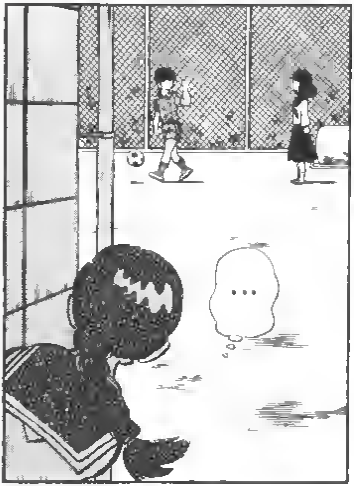
W WHAT THE HECK?
WHAT IS THIS?
HEY!
I DIDN'T TAKE THE PICTURE
I JUST BOUGHT ONE
I DUNNO
BUT MIKAMI HAD IT
YOU WHAT?!
AOTA'S GANG WAS SELLING IT AT ¥500 PER PHOTO
MINAKO!
AKASHI'S RED GANG IS AUCTIONING OFF YOUR GYM SHORTS!
1,000 YEN! 1,000 YEN!
1,200 YEN!!
WHAT!?
I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE!! THERE WERE OTHERS TOO!!

HEY!!
THE GORGEOUS TRES TENTS ♡FAVORITE PAIR OF GYM SHORTS
OH, NO
HEH HEH HEH
TMP TMP TMP
DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!!
ME?
OF COURSE YOU! THEY BOTH HAVE CRUSHES ON YOU!
THEY'LL DO WHATEVER YOU SAY
JUST IGNORE THEM

EVERY SCHOOL HAS A JUVENILE DELINQUENT OR TWO
IT'S JUST A QUESTION OF DEGREE


AND THIS SITUATION IS THE BEST YOU CAN EXPECT
THEY AREN'T SKIPPING SCHOOL
THEY'RE KEEPING A BALANCE OF POWER
THERE'S NO DICTATOR SHIP, SO WE'RE PRETTY WELL OFF

THEY'RE JUST PROVOKING YOU.
BY GETTING UPSET YOU'RE FALLING INTO THEIR TRAP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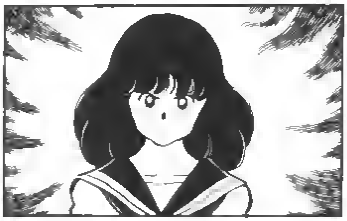
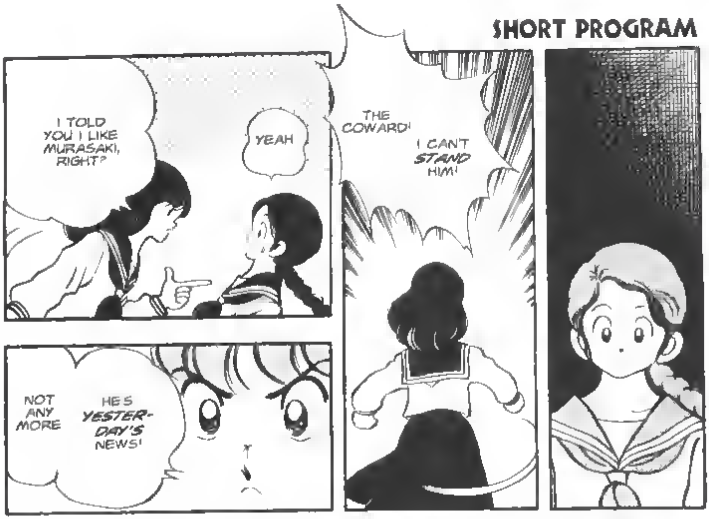
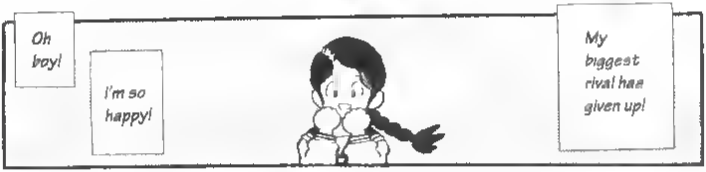


HEY MINAKO
WHAT WERE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?
HEY


I TOLD YOU I LIKE MURASAKI, RIGHT?
YEAH
THE COWARD!
I CAN'T STAND HIM!
NOT ANY MORE
HE'S YESTERDAY'S NEWS!


Oh boy!
I'm so happy!
My biggest rival has given up!

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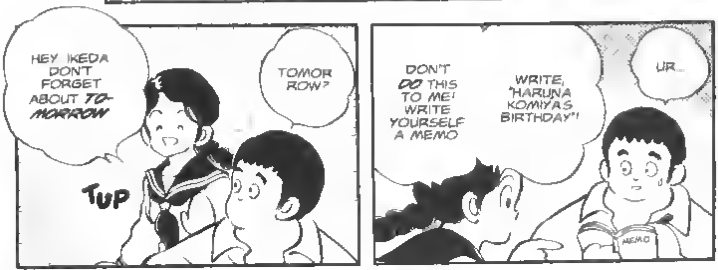
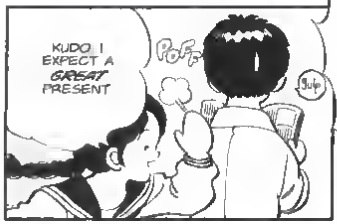
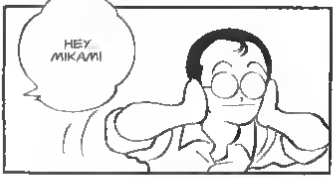
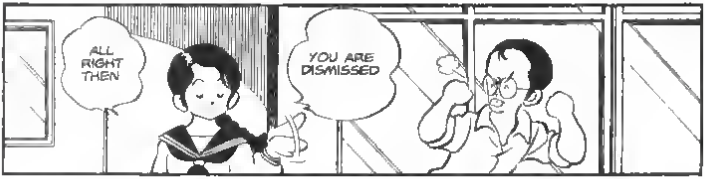

HEY IKEDA DON'T FORGET ABOUT TOMORROW
TOMOR ROW?
TUP
DON'T DO THIS TO ME! WRITE YOURSELF A MEMO
WRITE, "HARUNA KOMIYA'S BIRTHDAY"!
UR...
MEMO

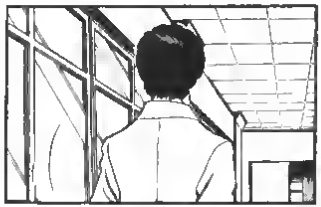

KUDO, I EXPECT A GREAT PRESENT
POP
Sulp


HEY MIKAMI

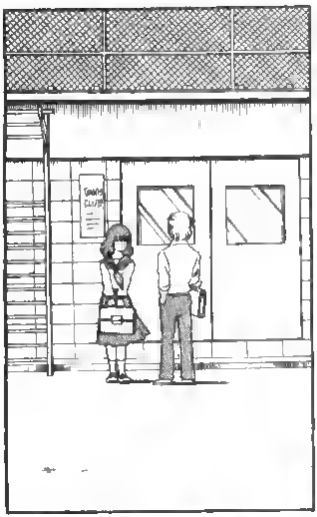
MIKAMI WHO BOUGHT ALL THREE MINAKO PANTY PICTURES!!
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT
TOMORROW'S YOUR BIRTHDAY GOT IT
I'LL GET YOU SOMETHING DAMN IT


ALL RIGHT THEN
YOU ARE DISMISSED

I have no hang-ups with the other guys, hmm
HEH.



Huh!?



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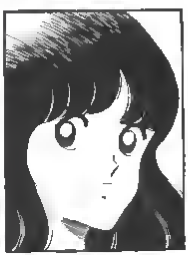

WELL THEN..
I'LL SEE YOU.

...

OH, HARUNA TOMORROW IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, ISN'T IT?
I GOT YOU A PRESENT
GOOD GOIN' I CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON MY BEST FRIEND!

OH MY!
A MOUNTAIN OF PRESENTS.
YOU HAVE A WHOLE HERD OF ADMIRERS.
HEE HEE
Maybe I'm being greedy
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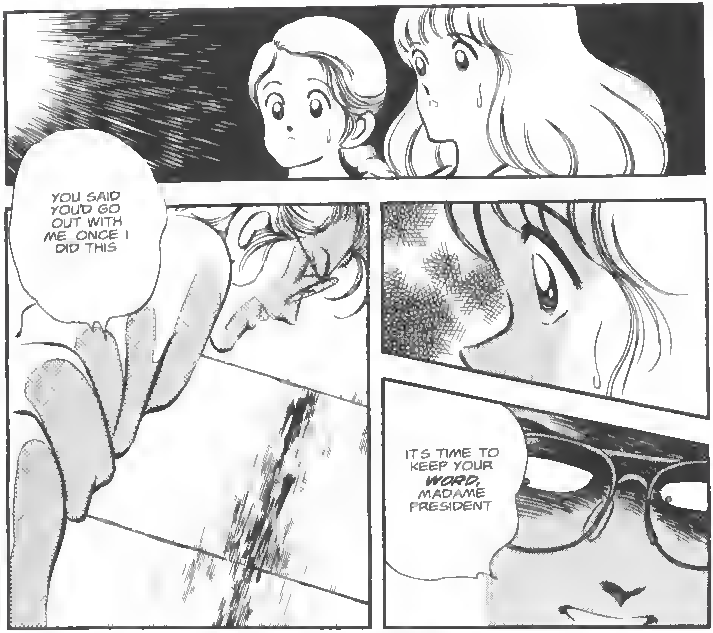
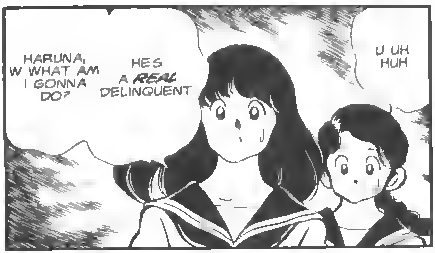
MINAKO!
M-
MINAKO!
WHAT'S WRONG?
THAT TRANSFER STUDENT...
WHAT'S HIS NAME?
MAKIHARA?
UH HUH.
HE JUST CALLED THE REDS AND BLUES TOGETHER.
THEY'RE OUT BACK!!
YOU TOLD HIM WHAT?
YOU'RE KIDDING!

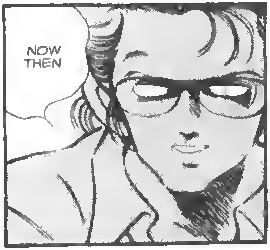
THAT IF HE BEAT THEM UP, YOU'D GO OUT WITH HIM?
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING!? HE ISN'T RED RIDING HOOD'S WOODSMAN, Y'KNOW!
I NEVER THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT THAT HE'D DO IT!
AOTA'S A GREEN BELT IN KARATE.
..AND AKASHI'S A BROWN BELT IN JUDO!
W—
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

THA KOOM
YAAH!
SLSH
GANCH
ARGH!
NOOO!
PLEASE DON'T HIT MY FACE!
I'M A GIRL!
GRUNCH
UKK!

HI
I WAS JUST FINISHING UP
AHHH
KRSSH
FSSH


YOU SAID YOU'D GO OUT WITH ME ONCE I DID THIS
IT'S TIME TO KEEP YOUR WORD, MADAME PRESIDENT


HARUNA, WHAT AM I GONNA DO?
HE'S A REAL DELINQUENT
U UH HUH


NOW THEN

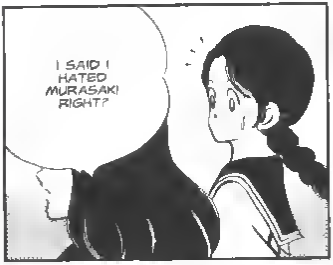
THAT WAS BRUTAL.
M—
MURA SAKI...
AH THERE'S ONE LEFT
SO WHAT ARE YOU? A RED? A BLUE?

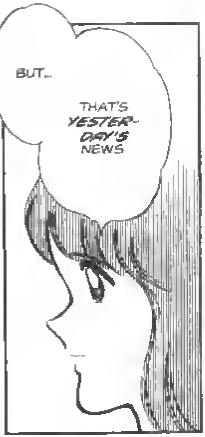
A PURPLE
MURASAKI MEANS PURPLE?
THINK A JOKE WILL SAVE YOU?
OOF!
FOOM

NO!
I'VE BEEN OUT OF PRACTICE
OUCH
WOAH
FWOOSH
THAT'S NO PROBLEM!
I'VE GOT 20/20 VISION
SO THESE'RE JUST FAKES TO DISGUISE YOUR TRUE NATURE?
FWAK
WHA—!?

I DON'T CARE WHAT YOUR EYESIGHT IS.
I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO HURT MY HANDS WHEN I REARRANGE YOUR FACE!
HUH
THA-
KAM

DOOM

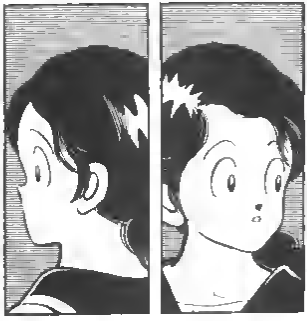

I SAID I HATED MURASAKI RIGHT?

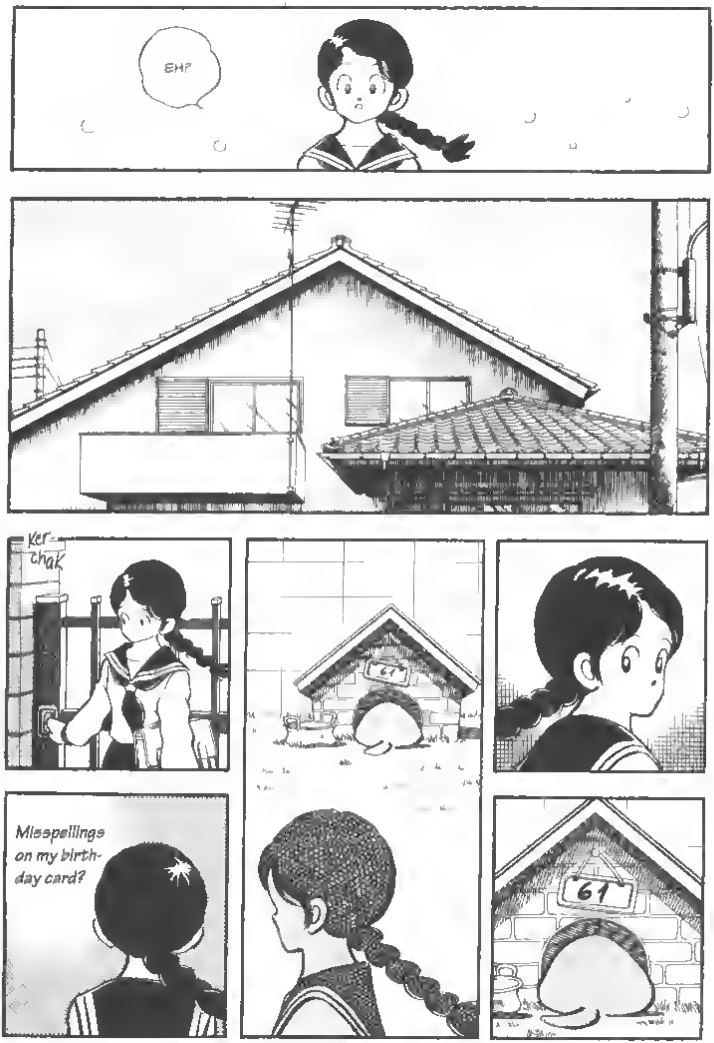

BUT...
THAT'S YESTERDAY'S NEWS

HEY!
THAT'S NO FAIR

COULD YOU GO CALL THE NURSE?
SURE!

DON'T TELL ANYBODY ABOUT THE MISSPELLINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY CARD




EH?
Ker-chak
61
Misspellings on my birth-day card?
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I--I don't BELIEVE it!
OUTTA MY WAY, SIXTY ONE!
ARF!
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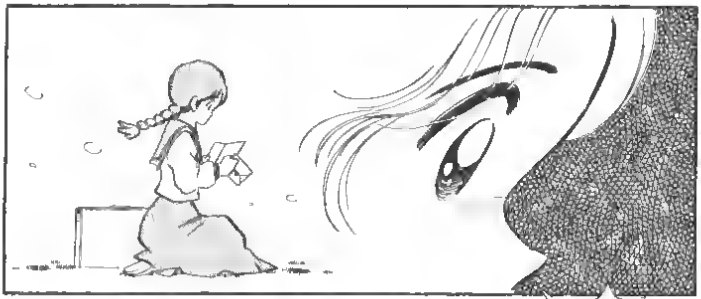
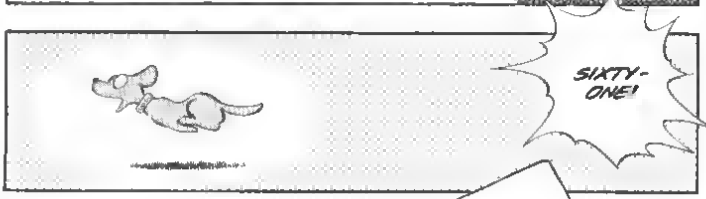
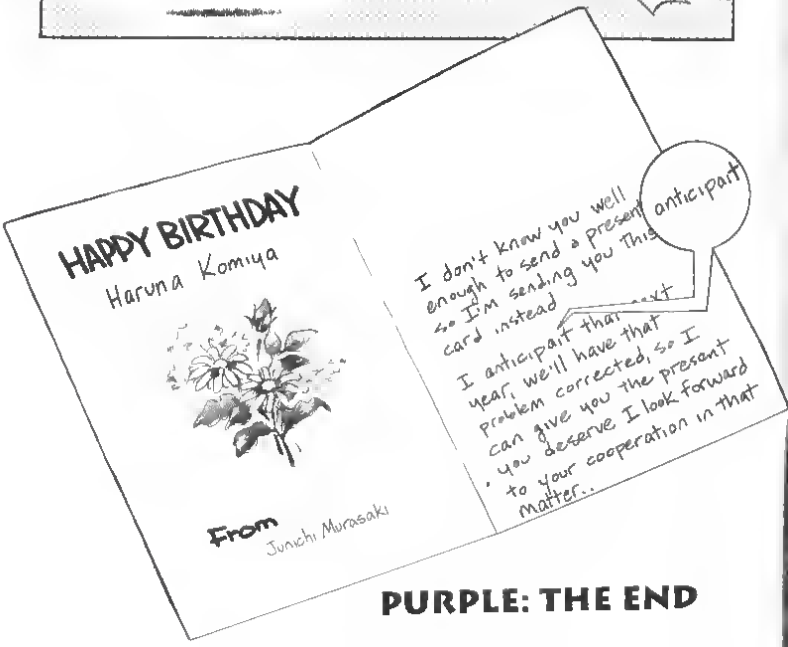
HARUNA KON YA
T-That can't be...
HARUNA KON
FROM JUNICHI MURASAKI






HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Haruna Komiya
From
Junichi Murasaki
I don't know you well enough to send a present so I'm sending you this card instead
I anticipate that next year, we'll have that problem corrected, so I can give you the present you deserve. I look forward to your cooperation in that matter..
anticipate

PURPLE: THE END

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